The labyrinth of magic

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YOU'RE NOT

SUITED TO BE A KING!!

YOU JUST SAID SO YOURSELF, PRINCESS CELENDINE!
EXACTLY. SIN HAS THE WIT AND RESOURCE-FULNESS TO BE A LEADER...
SO WHY...?!

HOW CAN YOU SAY I'M NOT SUITED TO BE A KING?
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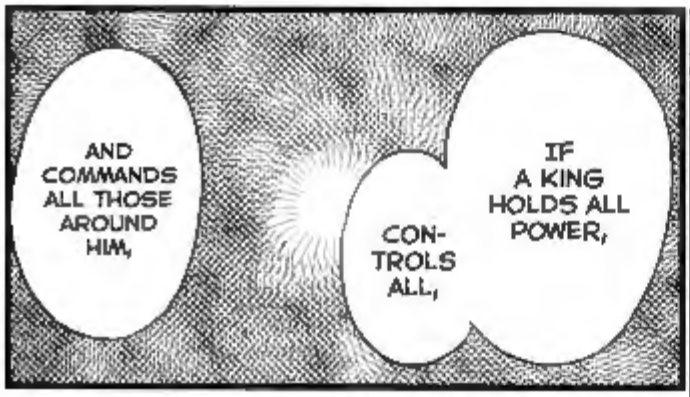
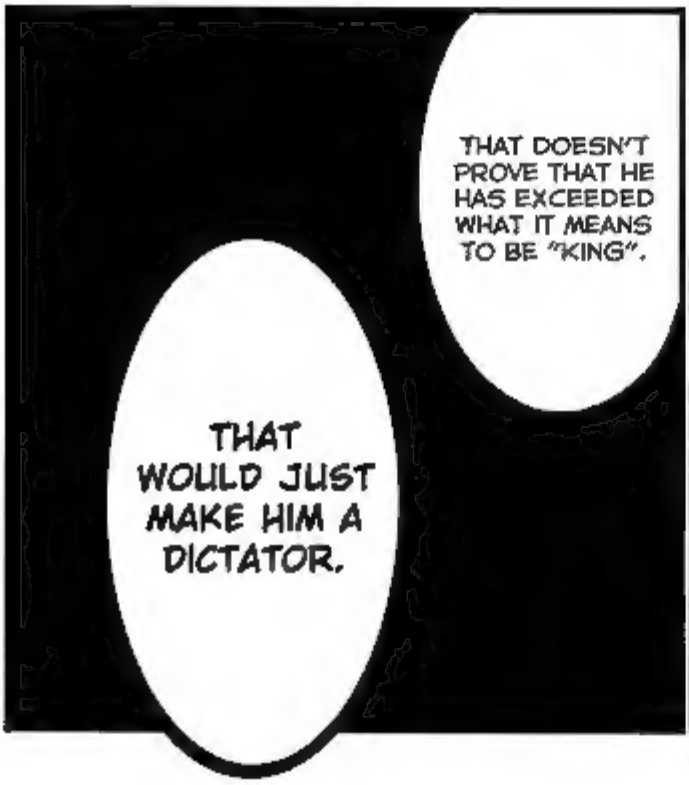

AND COMMANDS ALL THOSE AROUND HIM,
CON-TROLS ALL,
IF A KING HOLDS ALL POWER,


THAT DOESN'T PROVE THAT HE HAS EXCEEDED WHAT IT MEANS TO BE "KING".
THAT WOULD JUST MAKE HIM A DICTATOR.

BECAUSE ...
A KING DOESN'T NEED TO BE A LEADER.

A KING IS SURROUNDED BY GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, SOLDIERS, NOBLES, AND PEOPLE IN A VARIETY OF OTHER OFFICIAL POSITIONS.
SO EVEN THOUGH THE KING HAS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE HOW HIS COUNTRY IS RUN, HIS DECISIONS AREN'T BASED SOLELY ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF A SINGLE PERSON.
HE GATHERS THEIR IDEAS AND USES THAT COMBINED KNOWLEDGE TO DETERMINE HIS POLICIES.
YOU'RE FAMILIAR WITH HOW THIS WORKS, AREN'T YOU?
WHEN THE PRESIDENT OF YOUR COMPANY WASN'T AROUND, YOU WERE ABLE TO PUT YOUR HEADS TOGETHER AND COME UP WITH SOLUTIONS.
AT THAT TIME, YOU WERE WITHOUT A LEADER, WEREN'T YOU?
... THEN WHAT'S THE PURPOSE OF HAVING A KING?
AREN'T YOU BEING CONTRADIC-TORY? DON'T YOU WANT THE POWER OF A KING YOUR-SELF??

"A ROYAL SYMBOL" AND NOTHING MORE.

I'M NOT BEING CONTRADICTORY.

BECAUSE A KING'S TRUE PURPOSE IS TO BE...

A ROYAL SYMBOL?!

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THE SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY HAS BEEN ABLE TO GAIN THE TRUST OF ALL ITS CUSTOMERS BECAUSE IT HAS THE LIVING LEGEND SINBAD LEADING IT.

THAT'S HOW A COUNTRY WORKS TOO. A KING FULFILLS HIS DUTY AS KING BY REIGNING FROM HIS THRONE

AND EARNING THE RESPECT AND LOVE OF THE PEOPLE.

IT'S THE SAME WITH YOUR COMPANY.

IT'S ENOUGH THAT THE KING SIMPLY EXISTS.
A GOOD KING IS NOT USUALLY A GOOD LEADER.

WHAT ...?
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IN THAT CASE... WHAT DO YOU THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT QUALITY OF A KING IS?

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CITIZENS OF A COUNTRY ARE UNIFIED, LOVE THEIR COUNTRY, AND PUT DOWN ROOTS THERE ALL BECAUSE OF THE KING.
SUCH A COUNTRY WOULD BE ACKNOWLEDGED BY OTHER COUNTRIES AS SUPERIOR
AND IT WOULD BE TRUSTED. IT'S A CYCLE.

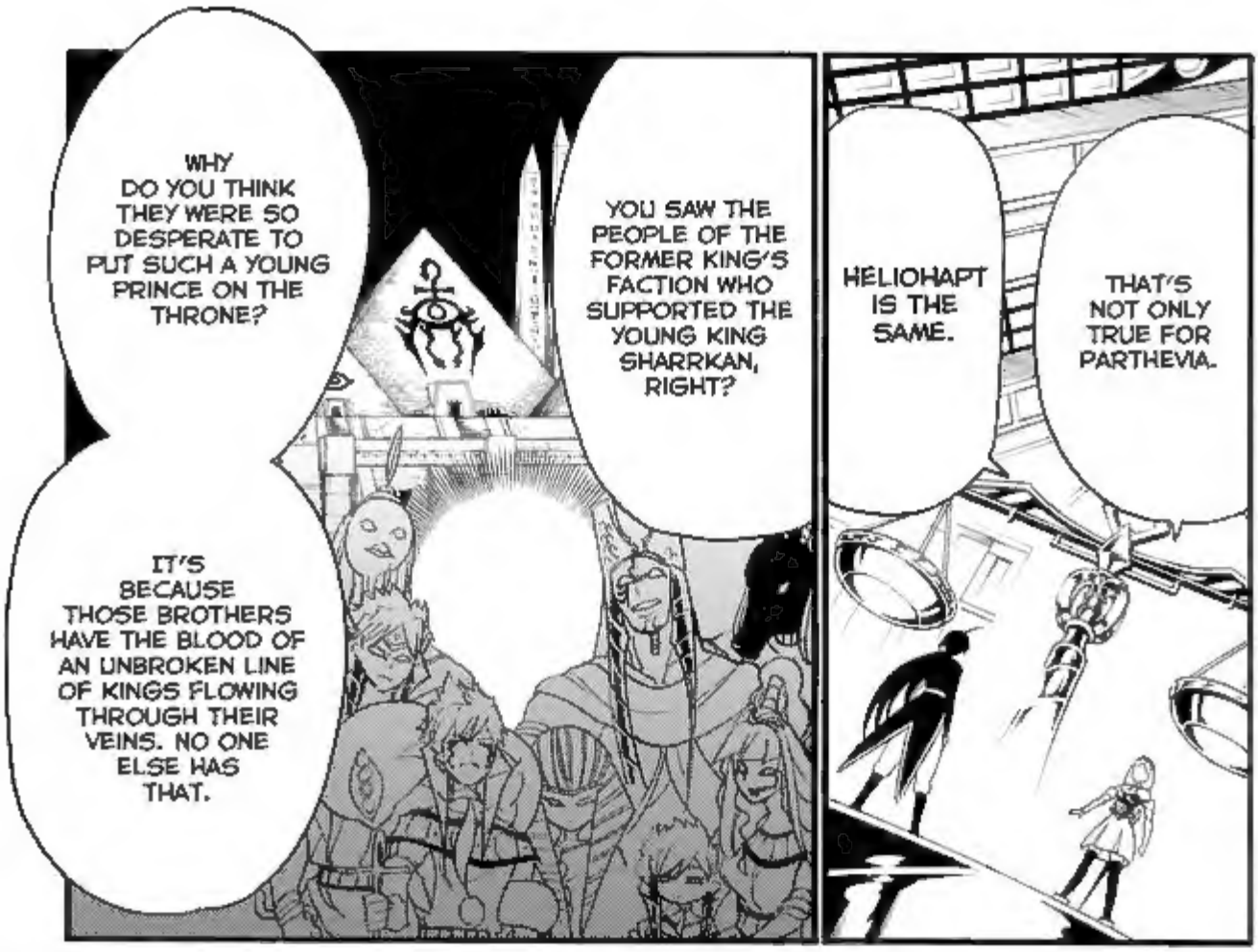
BLOOD CONNECTS THE COUNTRY WITH ITS PEOPLE AND IS THE BOND THAT SOLIDIFIES A COUNTRY'S STRENGTH.

THAT IS WHY THE ROYAL FAMILY IS SPECIAL.

THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS THROUGH THEIR VEINS EXISTS FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR COUNTRY AND THE THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS THEY SUPPORT.

NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF PERSON TAKES OVER AS KING,

A ROYAL BLOODLINE IS NECESSARY FOR THE LONGEVITY OF A COUNTRY.


WHY DO YOU THINK THEY WERE SO DESPERATE TO PUT SUCH A YOUNG PRINCE ON THE THRONE?
YOU SAW THE PEOPLE OF THE FORMER KING'S FACTION WHO SUPPORTED THE YOUNG KING SHARRKAN, RIGHT?
IT'S BECAUSE THOSE BROTHERS HAVE THE BLOOD OF AN UNBROKEN LINE OF KINGS FLOWING THROUGH THEIR VEINS. NO ONE ELSE HAS THAT.
HELIOHAPT IS THE SAME.
THAT'S NOT ONLY TRUE FOR PARTHEVIA.

THAT'S WHAT
A KING REALLY IS...

BLOOD ALONE HOLDS SUCH ABSOLUTE POWER...
IN OTHER WORDS,

BUT YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR BLOODLINE. YOU DON'T HAVE THE BLOOD OF KINGS FLOWING THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

YOU ARE STRONG.

SO I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU ONE MORE TIME...

YOU HAVE COURAGE, INTELLIGENCE, AND POWER. MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE... MORE THAN ENOUGH.

YOU CAN NEVER TRULY BECOME A KING.

DESPITE THAT... DO YOU INSIST ON CONTINUING TO WISH FOR A COUNTRY TO HELP YOU CHANGE THE WORLD?

SINBAD... DON'T BE SO PARTICULAR ABOUT CREATING A COUNTRY. ISN'T THE COMPANY YOU HAVE NOW ENOUGH?

JUST AS YOU SAID, I WANT TO CREATE A COUNTRY TO HELP ME ACHIEVE MY GOAL OF CHANGING THE WORLD.
... IT'S TRUE,
OH NO... THE SCALES!!
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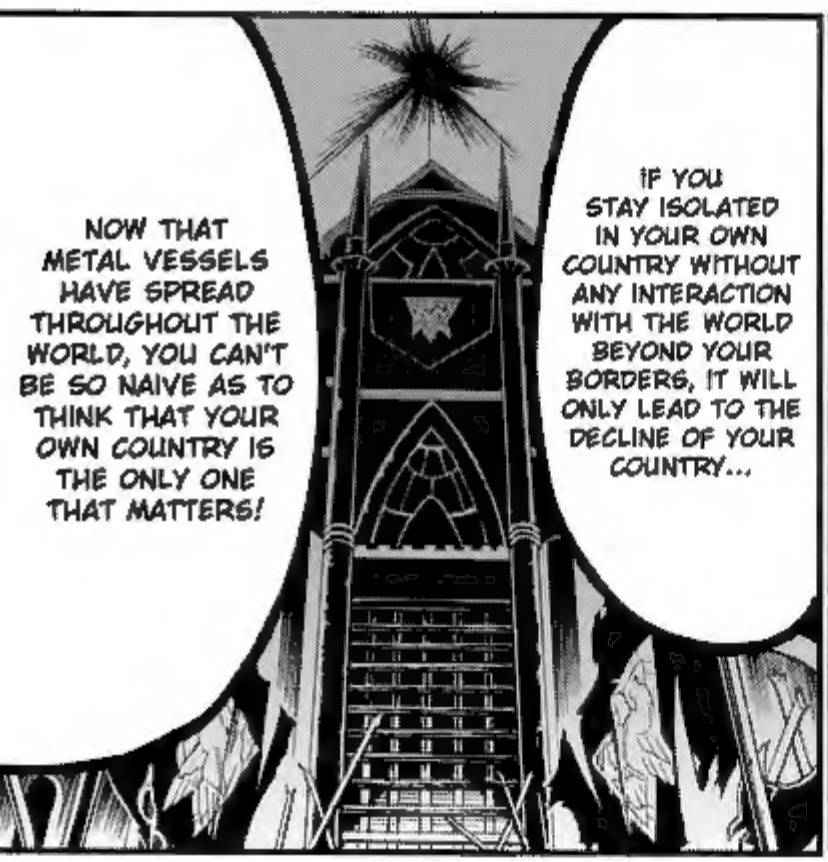
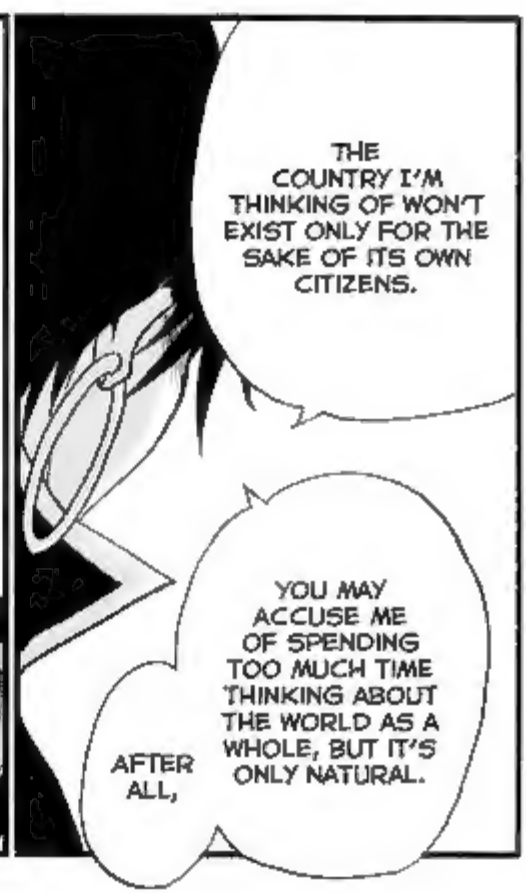

NOW THAT METAL VESSELS HAVE SPREAD THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, YOU CAN'T BE SO NAIVE AS TO THINK THAT YOUR OWN COUNTRY IS THE ONLY ONE THAT MATTERS!
IF YOU STAY ISOLATED IN YOUR OWN COUNTRY WITHOUT ANY INTERACTION WITH THE WORLD BEYOND YOUR BORDERS, IT WILL ONLY LEAD TO THE DECLINE OF YOUR COUNTRY...


THE COUNTRY I'M THINKING OF WON'T EXIST ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF ITS OWN CITIZENS.
AFTER ALL,
YOU MAY ACCUSE ME OF SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME THINKING ABOUT THE WORLD AS A WHOLE, BUT IT'S ONLY NATURAL.

I DON'T NEED ROYAL BLOOD. I'LL BE THE SAME AS MY CITIZENS...
THAT'S WHY I'LL CREATE A COUNTRY CENTERED AROUND FOREIGN DIPLOMACY FROM THE MOMENT OF ITS CREATION.

THEY ALL FELT A SENSE OF IMPENDING CRISIS AND CHANGED THEIR POLICIES, DIDN'T THEY?
IMUCHAKK, SASAN,
ARTEMYRA, EVEN HELIOHAPT...

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WHAT ABOUT TERRITORY?

A COUNTRY WHERE ALL OF ITS CITIZENS ARE MERCHANTS. THAT'S THE COUNTRY I WILL CREATE!
A NEW COUNTRY FOUNDED ON TRADE!!

HAD YOU SET YOUR SIGHTS ON THE FARTHEST REACHES OF THE DARK CONTINENT?

YOU THINK YOU CAN JUST FIND SOME UNEXPLORED REGION THAT NO ONE HAS CLAIMED?

WHAT ABOUT LAND FOR YOUR COUNTRY?

DAMN. SHE POINTED OUT THE SAME THING KING RASHID DID..

TH... THAT'S WHAT WE WERE IN THE MIDDLE OF SEARCHING FOR. .

THAT SITUATION IS FAR REMOVED FROM YOUR DEA OF A COUNTRY FOUNDED ON TRADE, ISN'T IT?

YOU CAN'T INTERACT WITH OTHER COUNTRIES AND SET JP SATIS-FACTORY TRADE ARRANGEMENTS FROM THERE.

WHAT WILL YOU DO IF YOU BUILD YOUR COUNTRY N A PLACE LIKE THAT?

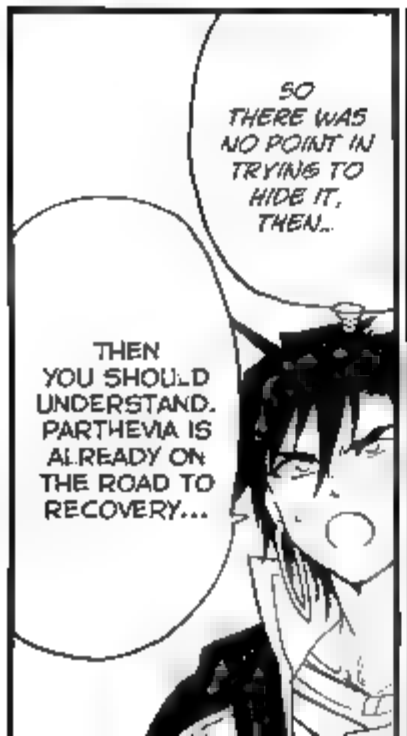
THERE ISN'T A PLACE LIKE THAT!!

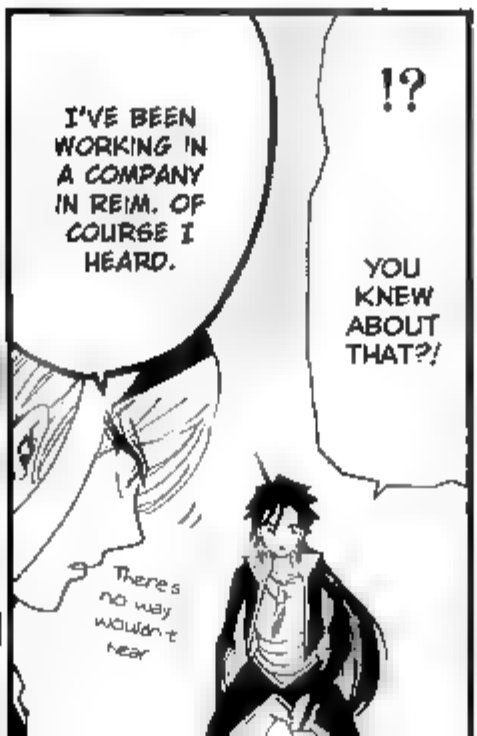
NO. IF WE KEEP LOOKING, I'M SURE WE CAN...

RIDICU-LOUS!! THINK REALISTI-CALLY!!

IF SO, THEN ISN'T THE PLACE YOU SHOULD SAVE, THE PLACE YOU SHOULD RETURN TO, ACTUALLY PARTHEVIA?!
DIDN'T YOU DECIDE TO TAKE ACTION BECAUSE YOU SAW THE WRETCHED CONDITION OF OUR HOME COUNTRY, PARTHEVIA?
SINBAD! WHY HAVE YOU DECIDED TO CREATE A NEW COUNTRY?!!

IT SEEMS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO REBUILD
THEY'RE WORKING TOWARDS ECONOMIC RECOVERY
PARTHEVIA AGREED TO AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE WITH REIM.
PARTHEVIA ...


SO THERE WAS NO POINT IN TRYING TO HIDE IT, THEN...
THEN YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND. PARTHEVIA IS ALREADY ON THE ROAD TO RECOVERY...


I'VE BEEN WORKING IN A COMPANY IN REIM. OF COURSE I HEARD.
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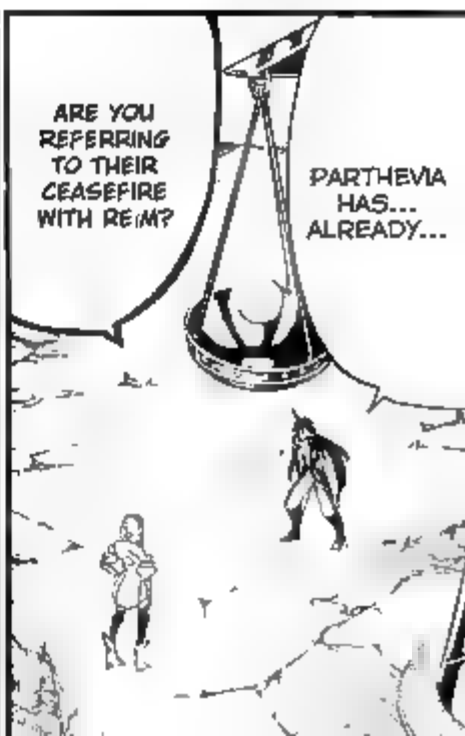
YOU KNEW ABOUT THAT?!
There's no way wouldn't hear


ARE YOU REFERRING TO THEIR CEASEFIRE WITH REIM?
PARTHEVIA HAS... ALREADY...

I HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THIS IS JUST TO COVER UP WHAT'S REALLY HAPPENING...!!

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE SOMETHING AS CONVENIENT AS THE STORY THAT THE ECONOMY WILL RECOVER SIMPLY FROM CALLING A CEASEFIRE?

PARTHEVIA IS RECOVERING ...?

THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE! *THAT MAN* ISN'T SUCH AN HONEST PERSON.

DON'T BE SO NAIVE!

IT WAS NEVER MADE PUBLIC, BUT HIS MAJESTY HAD BECOME QUITE WEAK. HIS BODY WAS RIDDLED WITH DISEASE.

ALL OF THE REAL POWER WAS ALREADY IN BARBAROSSA'S HANDS. THERE WAS NO ONE LEFT IN THE PALACE THAT COULD STAND AGAINST HIS INFLUENCE...

GENERAL BARBAROSSA AND A HANDFUL OF NOBLES WERE THE ONES THAT WANTED TO CONTINUE PARTHEVIA'S INVOLVEMENT IN THE WAR DESPITE ITS WEAKENING CONDITION.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

. . FROM THE BEGINNING, THE ROYAL PALACE UNDERSTOOD THAT PARTHEVIA'S NATIONAL POWER WAS WEARING THIN AND THAT THEY WERE FACING RUIN.

ALL OF THAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE PALACE... I REALLY DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT PARTHEVIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS...
SO... THAT'S WHAT WAS GOING ON...
AFTER HE ASSASSINATED HIS MAJESTY, BARBAROSSA ENTERED THE CEASEFIRE...
HOWEVER, WE DON'T BELIEVE HIS REASONS WERE TO ALLOW THE COUNTRY TO RECOVER...
HELP ME TAKE BACK PARTHEVIA.
SINBAD,
I CAN'T ALLOW THAT MAN TO CONTINUE TO VIOLATE MY COUNTRY...
YOU CAN BECOME THE NEXT FIGUREHEAD TO SERVE AS THE PILLAR SUPPORTING PARTHEVIA!
BECOME A TRUE LEADER.

PLUS, WE CAN SAVE OUR HOMELAND, AND I'LL BE ABLE TO TAKE MY COUNTRY BACK.
IF YOU DO, YOU'LL GET YOUR OWN COUNTRY JUST LIKE YOU WANTED, AND YOU CAN START WORKING TOWARDS SOLVING GLOBAL PROBLEMS.
That's four birds with one stone
It's a great chance
HUH?!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU WON'T BE KING. I WILL.
YOU'RE THE ONE THAT JUST SAID I COULD NEVER BECOME KING BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT BLOODLINE!
WAIT A MINUTE! BUT I'M NOT ROYALTY!

I'LL SURRENDER ALL POWER TO YOU, BUT THE ONE THAT ACTUALLY TAKES THE THRONE WILL BE ME WITH MY ROYAL BLOODLINE.
BECOME MY HUSBAND.
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Translation Notes

Moving forward we will be using 'Celendine' instead of 'Serendine' as the official romanisation has been released.

HUSBAND ?!!

NO, YOU'RE WRONG...
THIS IS... NOTHING THAT FRIVOLOUS...
I MEAN, THERE WAS A PRETTY GOOD ATMOSPHERE BETWEEN THEM THAT TIME...
EXACTLY!
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
BUT THIS IS SO SUDDEN!
AS I SAID BEFORE, SINBAD CANNOT BECOME A KING...
DON'T MISUNDERSTAND.
BUT HE CAN STAND AT THE HEAD OF A COUNTRY AS ITS LEADER AND BRING ITS CITIZENS TOGETHER
THIS DOESN'T MEAN WHAT YOU THINK IT DOES.

CULTIVATING A NEW LAND AND FOUNDING YOUR OWN COUNTRY ISN'T A REALISTIC GOAL.

THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD ACCEPT MY OFFER. MY ROYAL BLOOD WILL MAKE UP FOR WHAT YOU LACK.

MOREOVER, YOU'RE NOT ROYALTY, SINBAD. BUT YOU HAVE BEEN GIFTED WITH OVERWHELMING TALENTS...

ALL I'M SAYING IS

THAT THERE IS ANOTHER PATH YOU CAN TAKE.

AND AS MY HUSBAND, YOU CAN BECOME A STATESMAN AND USE YOUR STRENGTH TO CHANGE THE WORLD LIKE YOU WANT TO!!

AFTER ASCENDING THE THRONE, I WILL PROTECT MY COUNTRY AS ITS QUEEN.

FOR THE SAKE OF MY COUNTRY... I WILL BECOME ITS SYMBOL AND AN UNSHAKEABLE EXISTENCE TO SUPPORT IT.

I WILL USE THE POWER OF THE METAL VESSEL TO RESTORE MY ROYAL AUTHORITY.

THIS IS THE MOST REALISTIC APPROACH FOR YOU TO TAKE, ISN'T IT?
THIS IS IN BOTH OUR BEST INTERESTS. I'LL BE USING YOU, AND YOU'LL BE USING ME.
IF IT'S MARRIAGE THAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT, DON'T BE. I KNOW YOU'RE A MAN WHO CAN'T BE TIED DOWN. YOU'LL STILL BE FREE TO DO AS MUCH WOMANIZING AS YOU LIKE AND YOU CAN EVEN TAKE ON CONCUBINES IF YOU CHOOSE.
SINBAD, I CAN GIVE YOU WHAT YOU WISH FOR.
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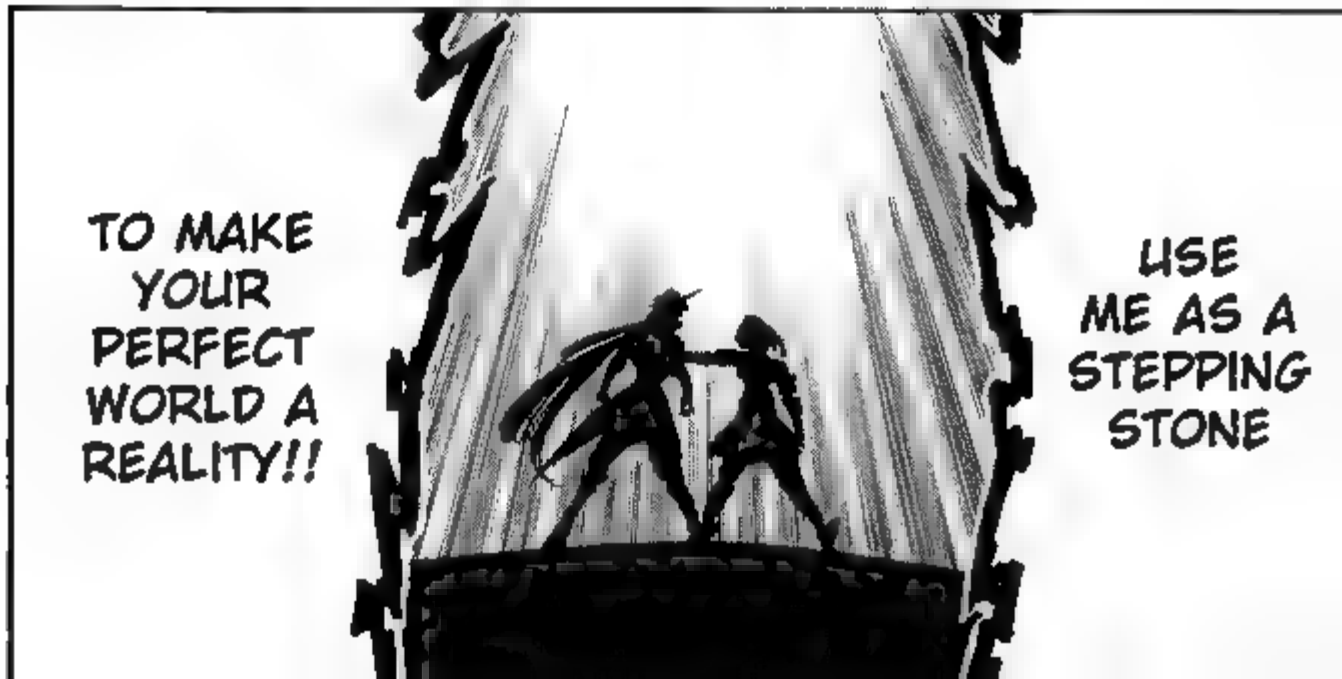
I CAN MAKE YOU INTO A REVOLUTIONARY THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD...!!
WITH MY ROYAL BLOOD...
USE ME TO ACHIEVE YOUR GOALS!!
WHAT ARE YOU AFRAID OF?!! YOU UNDERSTAND, DON'T YOU?

ARE MEANT TO DO!!
SOMETHING WE
THIS S SOMETHING I... NO...
SURELY THIS IS THE REASON I'VE SURVIVED UNTIL TODAY... THE REASON I MET YOU...

DON'T YOU WANT TO SAVE PARTHEVIA... SAVE THE WORLD WITH YOUR OWN TWO HANDS?!


TO MAKE YOUR PERFECT WORLD A REALITY!!
USE ME AS A STEPPING STONE

I CAN GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU WANT!!

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THE...
THE SCALE ...
YOUR HEART HAS WAVERED.
LOSES.
SINBAD

I NEVER THOUGHT THAT SINBAD WOULD ACTUALLY LOSE...
... WOW, I'M SURPRISED...
I...
CAN STILL FIGHT!!

SINBAD ...
I CAN...!

I-I'M JUST THINKING OF A COUNTER ARGUMENT.
MY HEART HASN'T GIVEN UP YET!

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NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, HER WORDS HAVE MOVED YOU.

YOU AGREE WITH HER CONVICTION. THE FACT THAT THE SCALES HAVE SHIFTED IS PROOF OF THAT.

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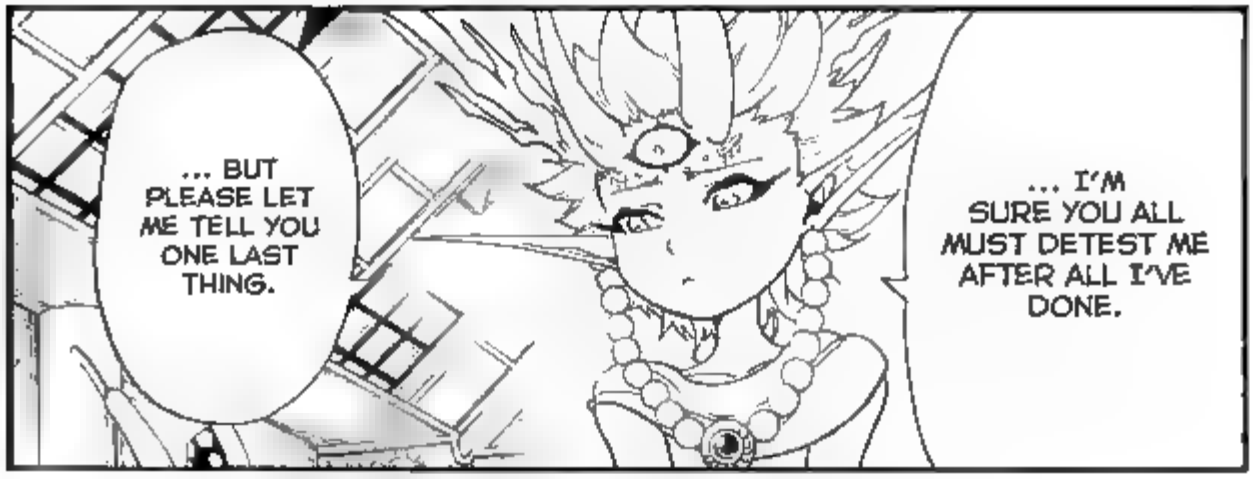
YOU HAVE

LOST THIS FIGHT.

CELENDINE

I WILL ACKNOWLEDGE YOU AS MY KING VESSEL AS I PROMISED.

... ZEPAR.
IT SEEMS LIKE I'LL STILL END UP BEING USED BY HIM IN ONE WAY OR ANOTHER...
... ALTHOUGH WITH YOU BACKING SINBAD,

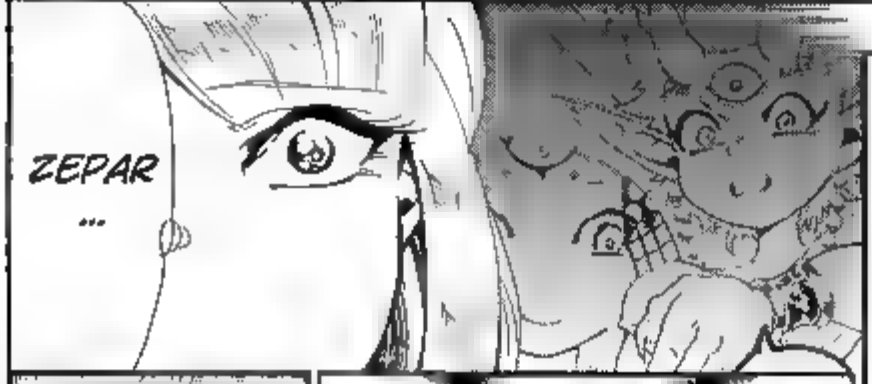

... BUT PLEASE LET ME TELL YOU ONE LAST THING.
... I'M SURE YOU ALL MUST DETEST ME AFTER ALL I'VE DONE.

I NEVER WANT TO SEE THAT HAPPEN AGAIN...
HOWEVER, NO MATTER HOW GREAT A LEADER YOU ARE,
THE BETRAYAL OF ONE'S ALLIES CAN LEAD TO THE DEATH OF THAT KING AND THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD.

I KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE TO LIVE IN A WORLD WHERE A SINGLE GREAT KING RULES OVER EVERYTHING.

I WANT ALL OF YOU TO BECOME TRUE ALLIES THAT PROTECT THE ONE YOU FOLLOW AND SUPPORT HIM FROM BEHIND.
THAT'S MY ONE TRUE WISH.

A KING MUST LIVE A LONELY EXISTENCE...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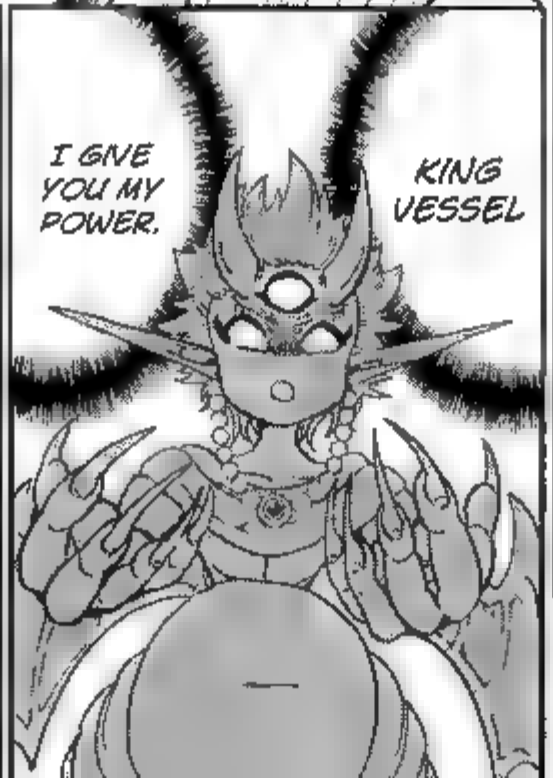
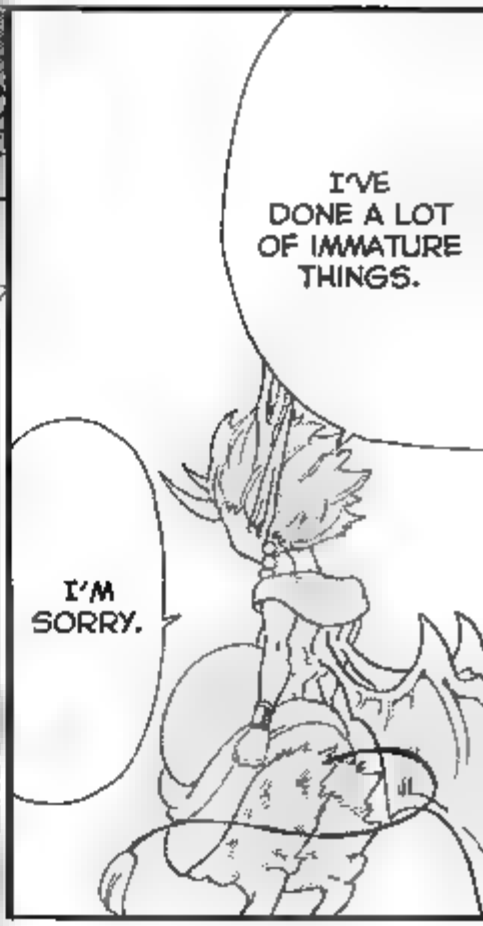

I GIVE YOU MY POWER.
KING VESSEL


I'VE DONE A LOT OF IMMATURE THINGS.
I'M SORRY.

GO FORTH AND

MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE...

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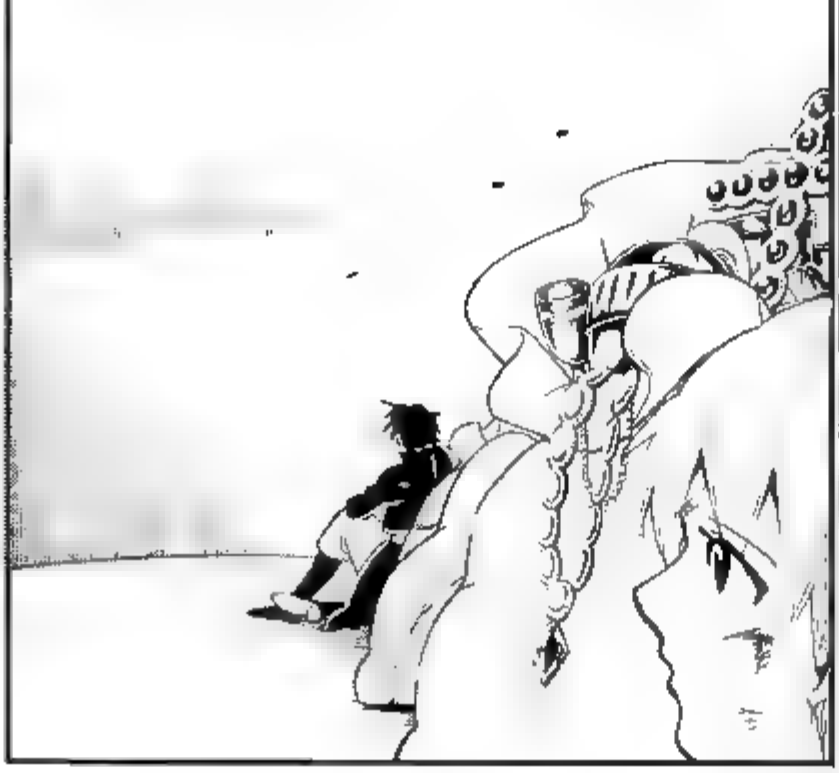

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THAT RESULT MUST'VE BEEN QUITE HARD ON HIM...
SIN'S STAYED THAT WAY THIS WHOLE TIME...

YEAH. IT SHOULD RETURN US TO WHERE WE STARTED, SO THERE SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM.
IS IT ALRIGHT THAT WE SEPARATED FROM CELENDINE AND THE OTHERS...?

JA'FAR, WHERE'S THIS MAGIC CIRCLE TAKING US?
OR IS IT.....

IT SEEMS SO. DUNGEONS SURE ARE PLACES FULL OF MYSTERIES, AREN'T THEY ..?
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I GUESS IT'S JUST THE TWO OF US FOR THE TRIP BACK...
... ALTHOUGH THERE'S NO WAY OF KNOWING IF WE'LL TURN UP AT THE SAME TIME...
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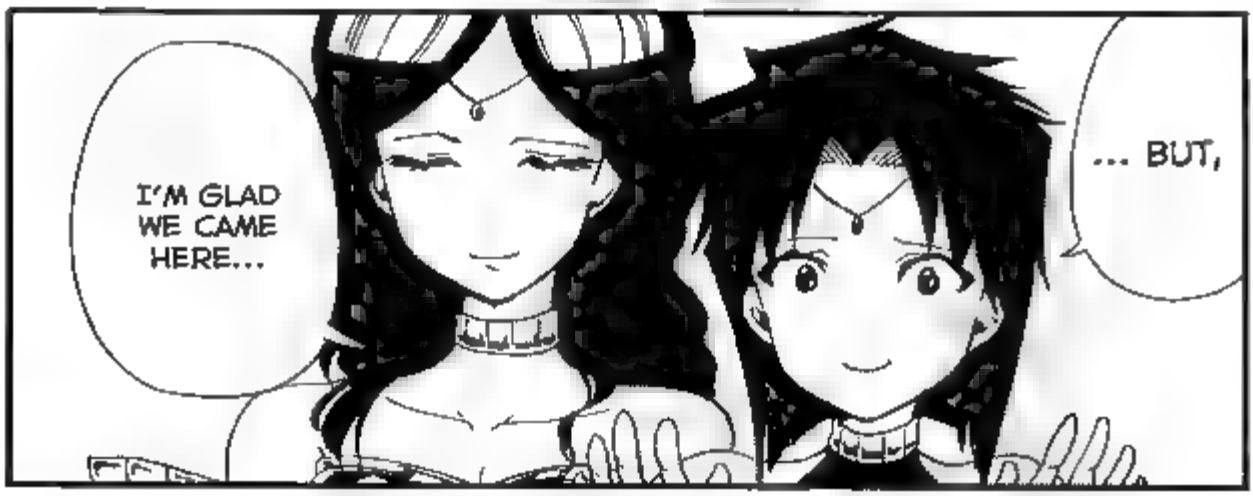
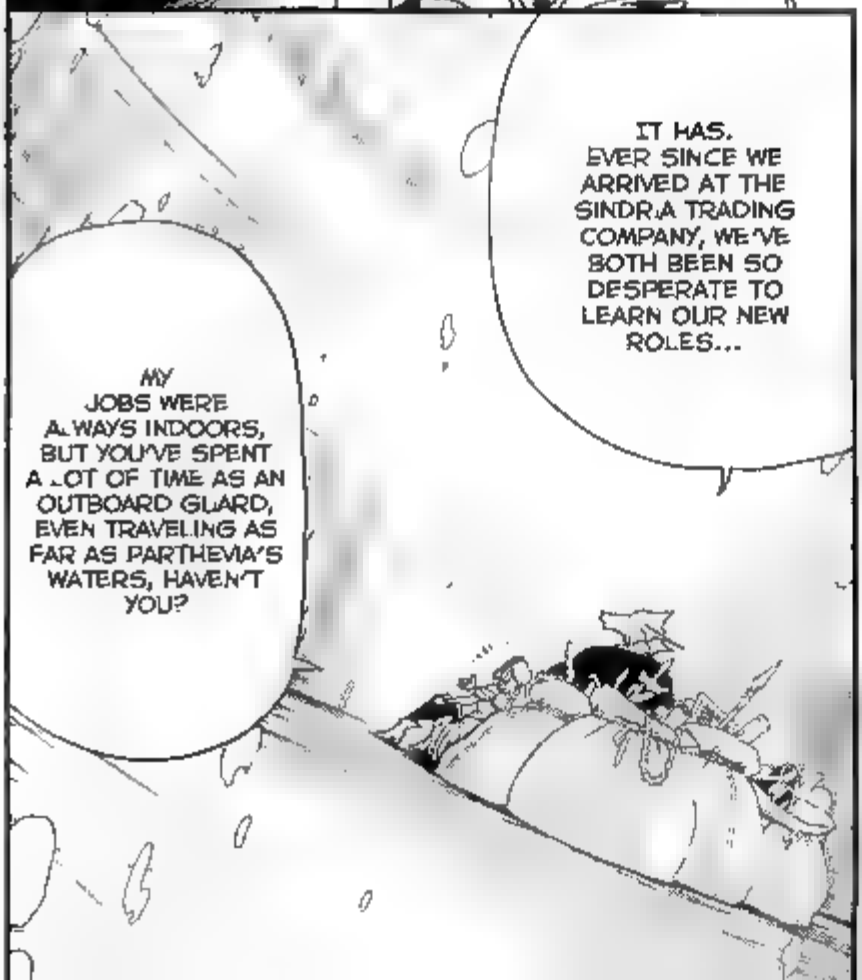

I'M GLAD WE CAME HERE...
... BUT,

WE MUST TRAIN EVEN HARDER SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO SUPPORT OUR PRINCESS MORE THAN EVER
YES!
AS HER FOLLOWER, THERE'S NO GREATER JOY THAN THAT.
OUR PRINCESS WAS ACKNOWLEDGED AS A KING VESSEL AND RECEIVED THE POWER OF A METAL VESSEL...

PRINCESS, LORD DRAGUL...
I HOPE THE TWO OF YOU RETURN SAFELY...


IT HAS. EVER SINCE WE ARRIVED AT THE SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY, WE'VE BOTH BEEN SO DESPERATE TO LEARN OUR NEW ROLES...
MY JOBS WERE ALWAYS INDOORS, BUT YOU'VE SPENT A LOT OF TIME AS AN OUTBOARD GUARD, EVEN TRAVELING AS FAR AS PARTHEVIA'S WATERS, HAVEN'T YOU?

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IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME, HASN'T IT? SINCE WE'VE BEEN ALONE TOGETHER LIKE THIS.

DRAGUL... THANK YOU.
IT'S AN OLD HABIT .. HOW EMBARRASSING.
YOU GAINED QUITE THE REPUTATION FOR TAKING COMMAND AND STEPPING UP TO LEAD OTHERS ONBOARD.
WHY'RE YOU BEING SO SHY? THAT'S NOT LIKE YOU!

WHEN SINBAD AND I WERE TOLD TO FIGHT TO BE CHOSEN AS THE KING VESSEL,
YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING OR TRY TO STOP US.

LADY CELENDINE ...

YOU SWALLOWED THEM AND WATCHED OVER OUR FIGHT.
THAT PART OF YOU... HASN'T CHANGED AT ALL SINCE WE WERE LITTLE..
I'M SURE YOU HAD YOUR OWN OPINIONS ABOUT EVERYTHING THAT WAS GOING ON, BUT DESPITE THAT...

YOU'VE BEEN BY MY SIDE EVER SINCE WE MET.
EVEN AFTER I BECAME A SOLDIER, YOU CONTINUED TO SUPPORT ME LIKE NOTHING HAD CHANGED.

.... DRAGUL.
I'M REALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU.

TRUTHFULLY THERE'S NO WAY TO EXPRESS THE DEPTHS OF MY GRATITUDE

I'M ONLY ALIVE TODAY THANKS TO YOU.
THAT TIME IN PARTHEVIA, YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT US .

. BUT DESPITE THAT, I. .

AT THAT TIME BOTH YOU AND I HAD REACHED OUR ABSOLUTE LIMIT, SO IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
IT COULD HAVE BEEN HELPED! BECAUSE THAT SITUATION WAS .

I ENDED UP...
TREATING YOU SO TERRIBLY...

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AT THAT TIME, I REALIZED...
MY OWN WEAKNESS AND FOOLISHNESS...
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THAT'S WHY...
I COMMITTED THE SIN OF HURTING YOU DEEPLY...
お前は人間だ
THAT SITUATION WAS BORN FROM THE WEAKNESS OF MY HEART...
STRONG ENOUGH THAT I WOULD NEVER HURT ANYONE LIKE THAT AGAIN.
I RESOLVED TO BECOME STRONGER.

BUT NOW, I UNDER-STAND...
THE WHOLE REASON I ACCOMPANIED YOU ON THIS JOURNEY WAS BECAUSE I WANTED TO FIND IT.
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SO I WAS DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING I COULD DO TO CHANGE MYSELF...
LADY CELENDINE ...

THIS IS WHY I'VE BEEN ALLOWED TO LIVE UNTIL TODAY... !

AND, EVEN IF IT TAKES EVERYTHING I HAVE, I'LL MAKE SINBAD INTO A REVOLUTIONARY THAT CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.
I WILL USE THIS POWER TO TAKE BACK MY COUNTRY.
THIS IS MY MISSION AND MY ATONEMENT...

WOULD YOU STILL...

COME BACK TO MY SIDE... ?

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HEY, DRAGUL ...

IF I ASKED YOU TO LEND ME YOUR POWER TO HELP TAKE BACK PARTHEVIA, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

N... NO! OF COURSE I...

IT'S FINE.

... I SEE.

SINBAD IS YOUR MASTER NOW.

I ALREADY KNEW.

HUH?
... BESIDES, I'M NO LONGER THE ONE BY YOUR SIDE. YOU FOUND SOMEONE, DIDN'T YOU? SOMEONE IMPORTANT TO YOU.
I WAS INSENSITIVE. FORGIVE ME.
SAHEL.
THE TWO OF YOU ARE ALWAYS FLIRTING BACK AT THE TRADING COMPANY, AREN'T YOU? YOU'VE BECOME REALLY CLOSE! IT SUITS YOU.
DID YOU THINK NO ONE NOTICED?
Everyone knows about you two.
Ah uhm there's a reason behind
You get embarrassed so easily.
Flirting
Shall we ~ for you?
yes

PRINCESS CELEN.
THANK YOU... FOR EVERY-THING TILL NOW.
I'M GRATEFUL TOO...
DRAKON...

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16th Dungeon: Zepar
Conqueror: Celendine
Ability: Mind manipulation

IT'S BEEN AN HOUR SINCE SINBAD AND THE OTHERS ENTERED THE DUNGEON.
LORD ARMAKAN, WAS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO LEAVE THIS TO THEM...?
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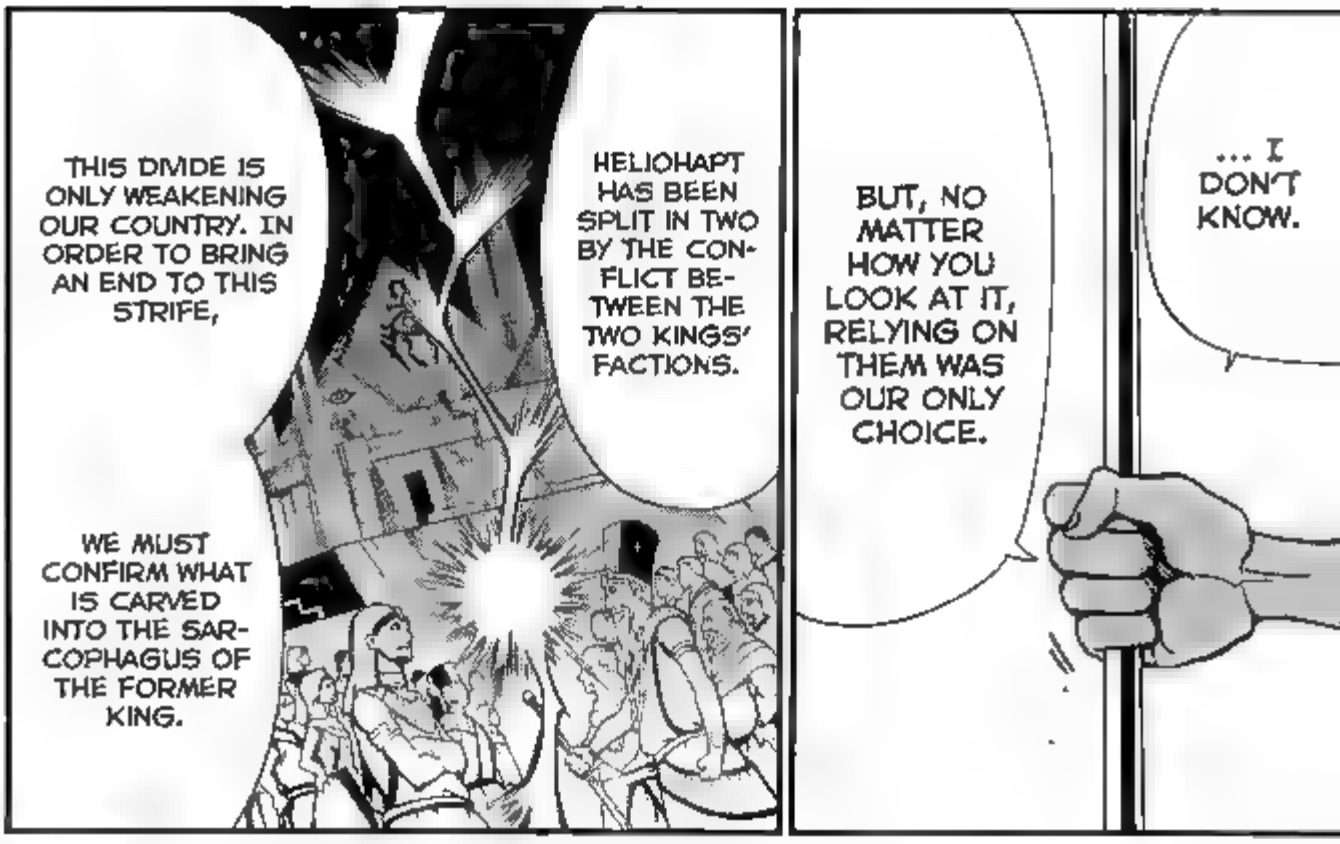

THIS DIVIDE IS ONLY WEAKENING OUR COUNTRY. IN ORDER TO BRING AN END TO THIS STRIFE,
HELIOHAPT HAS BEEN SPLIT IN TWO BY THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE TWO KINGS' FACTIONS.
WE MUST CONFIRM WHAT IS CARVED INTO THE SARCOPHAGUS OF THE FORMER KING.
BUT, NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, RELYING ON THEM WAS OUR ONLY CHOICE.
... I DON'T KNOW.

THEN I WILL ACCEPT THAT AS THE WILL OF THE FORMER KING AND ABDICATE THE THRONE.
BUT THE NAME OF MY LITTLE BROTHER...
... AND EVEN IF THE NAME CARVED THERE IS NOT MINE

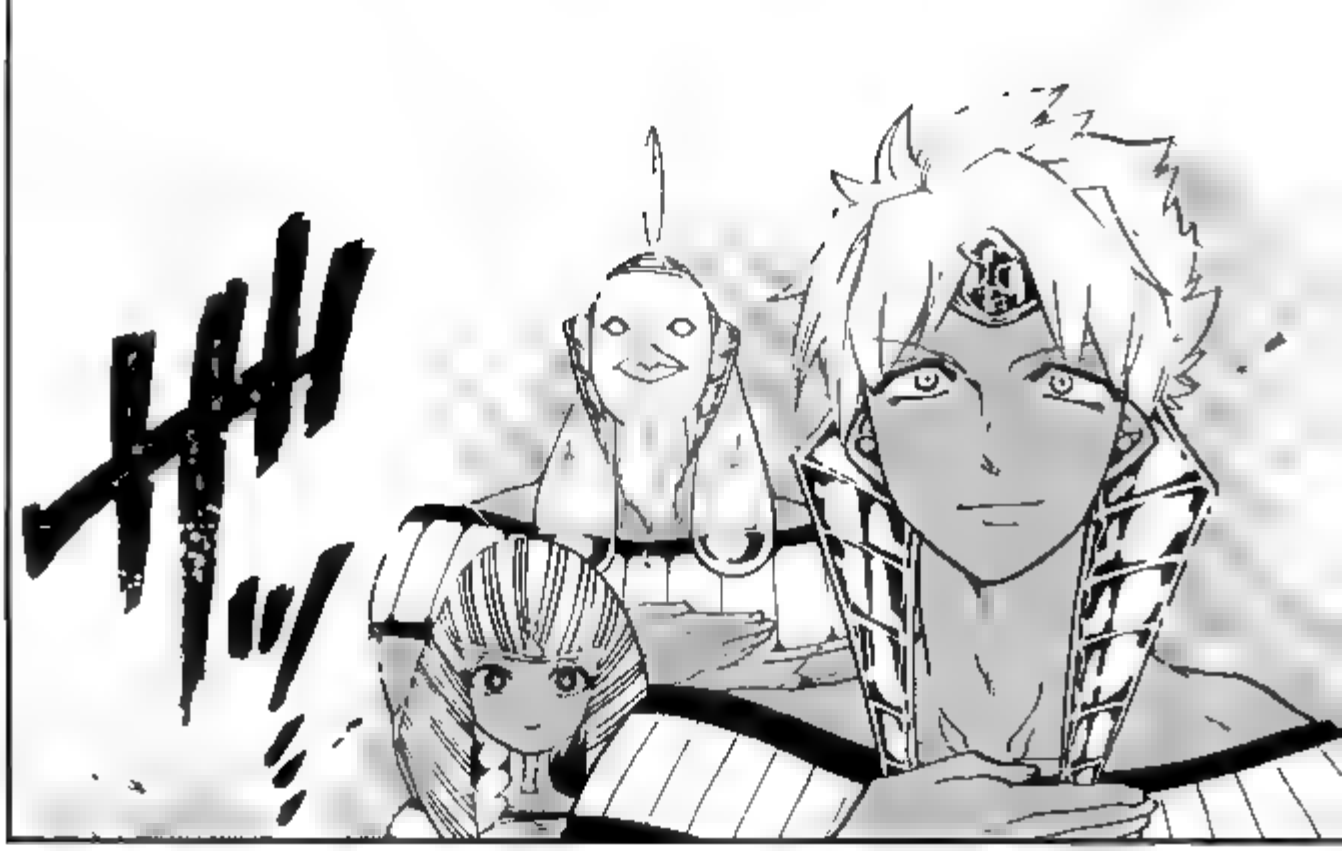
WE MUST HELP REBUILD HELIOHAPT FROM THE ISOLATIONIST DECLINE IT HAS SUFFERED AND FORM NEW CONNECTIONS WITH THE OUTSIDE WORLD.
WE CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN THIS SENSELESS CONFLICT.
UNDERSTOOD, NARMES?

TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY, IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS KING TO OPEN OUR COUNTRY TO THE WORLD.

THAT IS THE DUTY OF THE HELIOHAPT ROYAL FAMILY AND ITS CENTURIES OF TRADITION.

I WON'T LET ANYONE STAND IN THE WAY.

NO MATTER WHO THEY MAY BE,



YES, DOWAGER QUEEN, LADY PATRA.
FUFU.... FINALLY.

AS YOU WISH, MY KING...!!

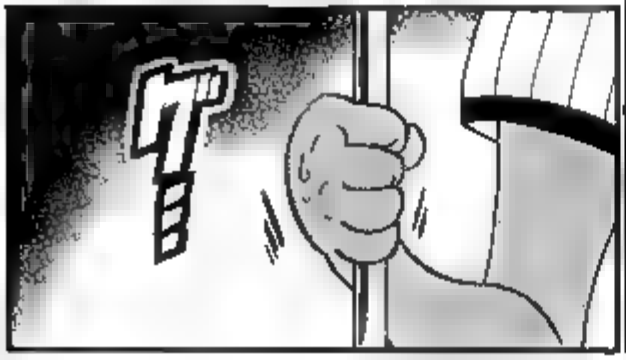
AND NOW THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY THAT LORD SHARRKAN MAY COME TO POWER.

YES, LADY PATRA, BUT THANKS TO THAT DUNGEON'S EXISTENCE, THE LEGITIMACY OF LORD ARMAKAN'S REIGN HAS BEEN CALLED INTO QUESTION,

IF WE HAD KNOWN THAT, WE COULD HAVE SAVED OURSELVES THE TROUBLE OF THIS ROUND-ABOUT STRATEGY AND JUST GOTTEN RID OF THE DUNGEON SO WE COULD ENTER THE ROYAL TOMB.

I NEVER DREAMED THAT THE FORMER KING WOULD CHOOSE SHARRKAN AS THE HEIR TO THE THRONE...

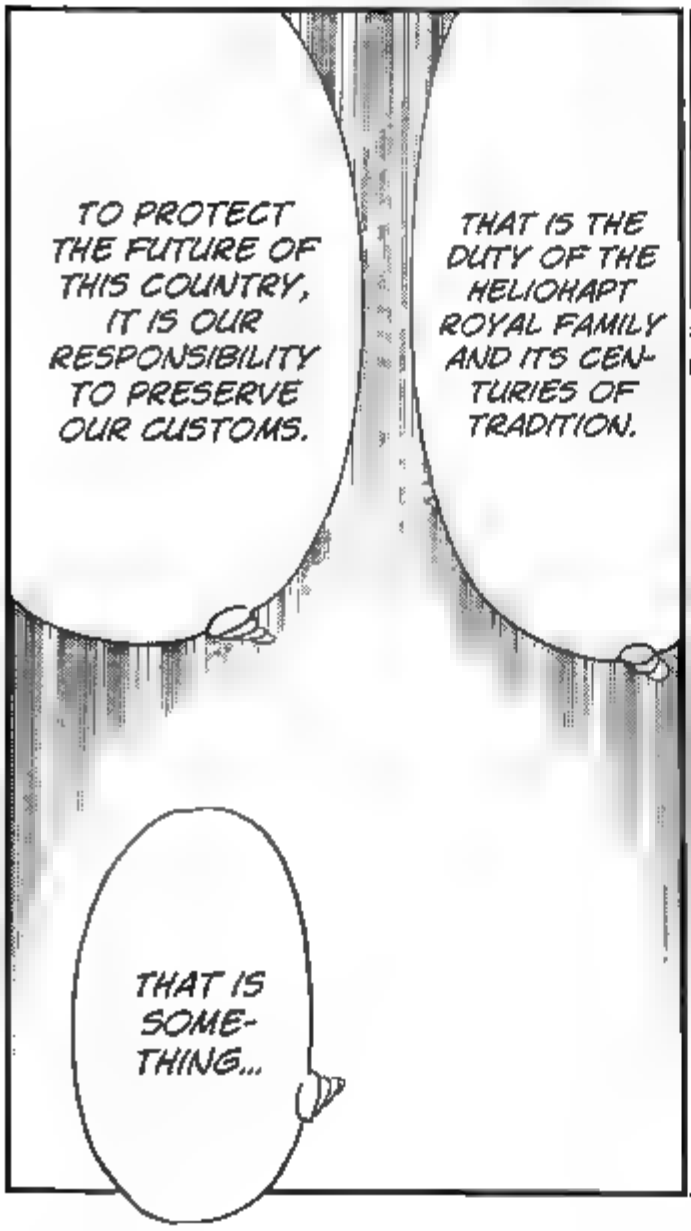
IN OTHER WORDS, THERE REALLY COULDN'T HAVE BEEN A BETTER SET OF CIRCUMSTANCES FOR US. HAHAHA!



THAT DUNGEON IS THE ONLY REASON WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE SUCH PROGRESS IN JUST A FEW MONTHS...

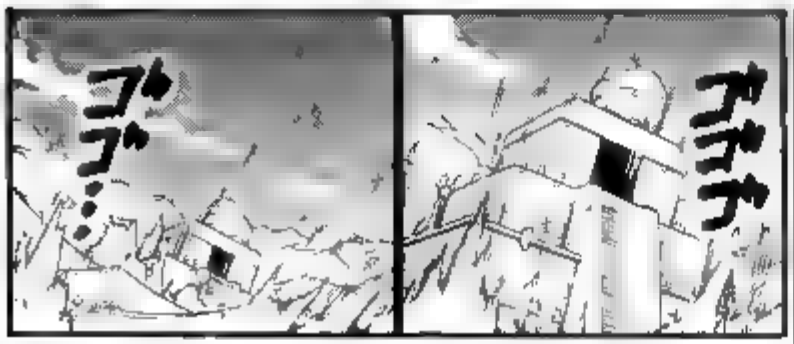
MOREOVER, THE CONFLICT BETWEEN THE FORMER KING'S FACTION AND THE CURRENT KING'S FACTION HAS ALLOWED US TO SPREAD THE RUMOR OF THE CURSE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY.

BUT THAT'S ONLY ONE PIECE OF THE PUZZLE. OUR REAL GOAL SURPASSES THAT...
YES.
... WITH THIS, WE'LL FINALLY BE ABLE TO MAKE SHARR-KAN KING.


TO PROTECT THE FUTURE OF THIS COUNTRY, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PRESERVE OUR CUSTOMS.
THAT IS THE DUTY OF THE HELIOHAPT ROYAL FAMILY AND ITS CEN-TURIES OF TRADITION.
THAT IS SOME-THING...

THAT'S RIGHT... WE CAN'T JUST LEAVE THIS COUNTRY TO ARMAKAN.
THAT IS THE WAY WE DO THINGS IN THIS COUNTRY... IT IS THE WAY OUR SMALL COUNTRY HAS SURVIVED ALL THESE YEARS...
WE CAN'T DEFY THE POLICIES ENTRUSTED TO US BY THE FORMER KING.

YOU UNDERSTAND NOTHING ABOUT... ARMAKAN!



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LOOK! THE DUNGEON IS...!!!

UGH... THERE'S SAND IN MY MOUTH!!
DID EVERYONE MAKE IT?
OUCH! WHO'S STEPPING ON ME?!
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SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING, YOUR MAJESTY...
...!! THAT'S...

JUST AS WE PROMISED.
WE'VE CONQUERED THE DUNGEON AND RETURNED THE ROYAL TOMB TO ITS FORMER STATE
THE HELIOHAPT ROYAL FAMILY...
NOW THE REST IS UP TO ALL OF YOU...

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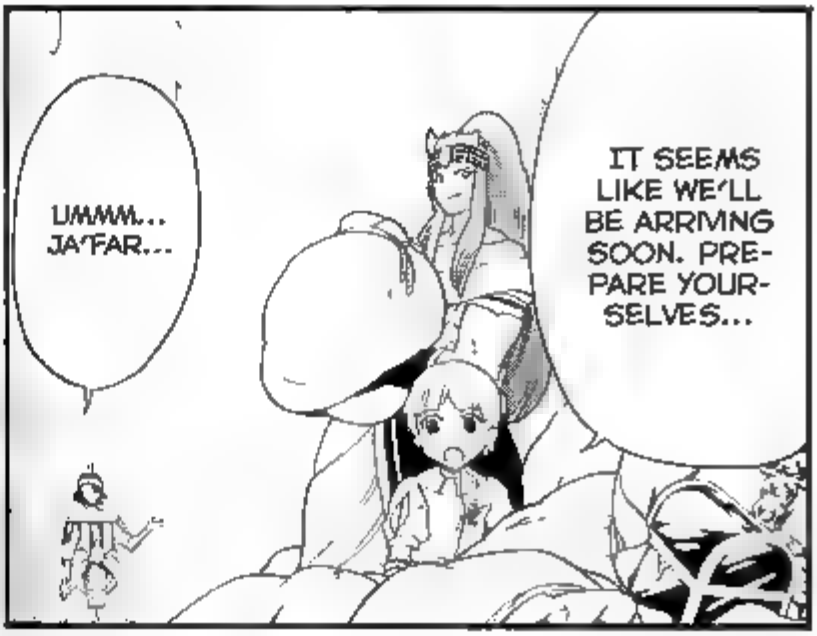
... SIN.

WELL... IT MIGHT BE BETTER NOT TO ASK THIS, BUT...
WHAT IS IT, MYSTRAS?


UMMM... JA'FAR...
IT SEEMS LIKE WE'LL BE ARRIVING SOON. PREPARE YOURSELVES...

AFTER THIS?
WHAT WILL WE DO

SO, WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN TO OUR SEARCH FOR LAND TO ESTABLISH A COUNTRY ON... ?
BUT, AS MISS CELENDINE SAID, THAT UNDEVELOPED AREA ISN'T REALLY A SUITABLE PLACE TO BUILD A COUNTRY...

THE WHOLE REASON WE CAME HERE AT THE BEGINNING WAS TO HEAD TO THE DARK CONTINENT, RIGHT?
WE'VE TAKEN CARE OF THE DUNGEON, BUT ONCE WE RETURN, WE'LL BE BACK IN HELIOHAPT.

... IT'S TRUE THAT THERE'S ONLY A SLIM CHANCE OF US FINDING WHAT WE'RE SEARCHING FOR.
SIN?!

W... WELL, THAT'S...
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? WE'RE STILL GOING TO THE DARK CONTINENT.

KING RASHID SAID SO HIMSELF, DIDN'T HE? "I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT IT'S THE TYPE OF PLACE YOU'RE LOOKING FOR."
SO, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF WE DISCOVER LAND FOR OUR COUNTRY OR NOT.
WHAT'S MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT

BESIDES,
IF I WERE REALLY THE TYPE TO GIVE UP BEFORE SEEING FOR MYSELF, WE NEVER WOULD HAVE COME THIS FAR IN THE FIRST PLACE.

THE DARK CONTINENT IS MASRUR'S HOMELAND. THE LAND OF THE FANALIS.
THAT ALONE IS REASON ENOUGH FOR US TO GO THERE.

THE SAME GOES FOR MY DREAMS.

I'M NOT GIVING UP ANYMORE.

THE OUTCOME OF THIS COUNTRY'S CONFLICT...

AND SEE FOR OURSELVES

LET'S RETURN TO HELIO-HAPT.

NOW, TO THE ROYAL TOMB...!!

WOW...
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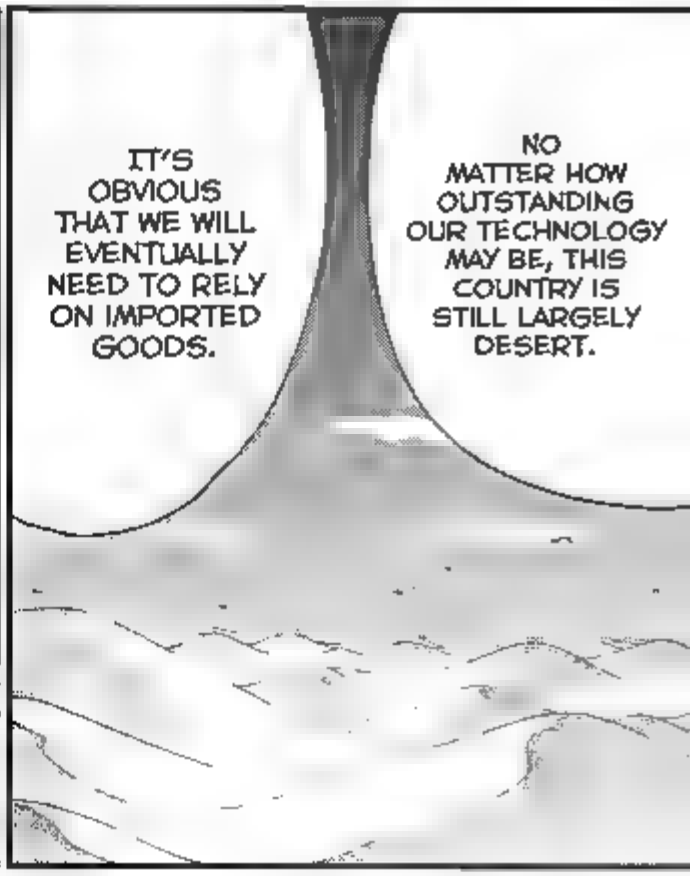
SO THIS IS
THE ROYAL TOMB... !!

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
IT'S THE LARGEST COMPLEX OF ROYAL TOMBS IN THE WORLD AND THE PRIDE OF HELIOHAPT.
IT WAS CREATED USING OUR BEST CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES AND IS A SYMBOL OF THE AUTHORITY OF THE KING.

IT REMINDS ME OF A DUNGEON. AMAZING CONSTRUCTION TECHNIQUES.
THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY BUILT THIS...
IF YOU THINK OF THE EFFORT THAT WENT INTO ITS CONSTRUCTION, YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW VITAL THE KING IS TO THIS COUNTRY.
THIS MAGNIFICENT STRUCTURE WAS BUILT AS A TRIBUTE TO HELIOHAPT'S UNBROKEN LINE OF ROYAL POWER SPANNING CENTURIES.
...OUR COUNTRY'S PRESENT CONDITION IS PRETTY DESOLATE...
?
FROM THE SCALE OF THIS STRUCTURE, YOU CAN SEE THAT HELIOHAPT IS A WEALTHY COUNTRY.
... I WISH THAT WAS THE CASE, BUT...
.....

WE'VE ONLY INHERITED THE LEGACY OF THE PAST. HELIOHAPT NO LONGER HAS THE POWER IT ONCE HELD...
THIS MAGNIFICENT ROYAL TOMB, THE PALACE, AND MANY OTHER GREAT STRUCTURES IN HELIOHAPT WERE BUILT GENERATIONS AGO.

LOOK NG AT THINGS FROM A GLOBAL STANDPOINT, HELIOHAPT IS JUST A SMALL COUNTRY.
IN ORDER TO PROGRESS WE HAVE TO OPEN UP RELATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.


IT'S OBVIOUS THAT WE WILL EVENTUALLY NEED TO RELY ON IMPORTED GOODS.
NO MATTER HOW OUTSTANDING OUR TECHNOLOGY MAY BE, THIS COUNTRY IS STILL LARGELY DESERT.

THAT IS THE MISSION OF THOSE WHO ARE ENTRUSTED WITH ITS FUTURE.
WE MUST LEAD HELIOHAPT DOWN THE ROAD TO PROSPERITY.
HMPH...
AS EXPECTED, THE YOUNG KING KNOWS NOTHING.
THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T LEAVE RULING TO INEXPERI-ENCED YOUTHS...
YOU THINK OPENING OUR BORDERS WILL MAKE THIS COUNTRY PROSPER...?

WHAT IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO OUR COUNTRY?

IT'S THE REIM EMPIRE.

IT'S TRUE, ISN'T IT?!

... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL HAPPEN IF WE START DIPLOMACY WITH OTHER NATIONS AND DRAW ATTENTION TO OURSELVES?!

THE ONLY REASON WE'VE BEEN OVERLOOKED BY REIM SO FAR IS BECAUSE WE'RE A SMALL COUNTRY WITH FEW RESOURCES.

IF THEY ATTACKED US, WE'D BE HELPLESS TO DEFEND OURSELVES.

THE GREAT REIM EMPIRE HAS ALREADY EXTENDED ITS INFLUENCE AS FAR AS KATARGO.

HELIOHAPT HAS NO WAY TO DEFEND ITSELF FROM REIM. WE'D BE ANNIHILATED.
WON'T WE JUST BE GIVING THEM AN EXCUSE TO ATTACK OUR COUNTRY?!!
.....
DO YOU REALLY HAVE THE RESOLVE TO DO THAT, YOUNG KING?
ARE YOU WILLING TO RISK THE DANGER OF GETTING OUR COUNTRY MIXED UP IN ALL THAT JUST TO REALIZE YOUR IDEALS?
OH! YOU WANT TO DISCUSS THINGS WITH AN EMPIRE THAT SPENDS ALL ITS TIME AT WAR? HOW OPTIMISTIC.
I WON'T DENY THAT IT'S A POSSIBILITY... BUT WE SHOULD SETTLE THINGS BY STARTING DISCUSSIONS WITH REIM.

SHARRKAN WILL BE THE ONE SITTING ON YOUR THRONE, SO IT HARDLY MATTERS...
... AL-THOUGH IN A FEW HOURS,

YOU CAN'T GOVERN A COUNTRY IF YOU CAN'T SEE THE BIG PICTURE, CAN YOU?

YOUNG KING.
WE'LL BE OFF THEN...

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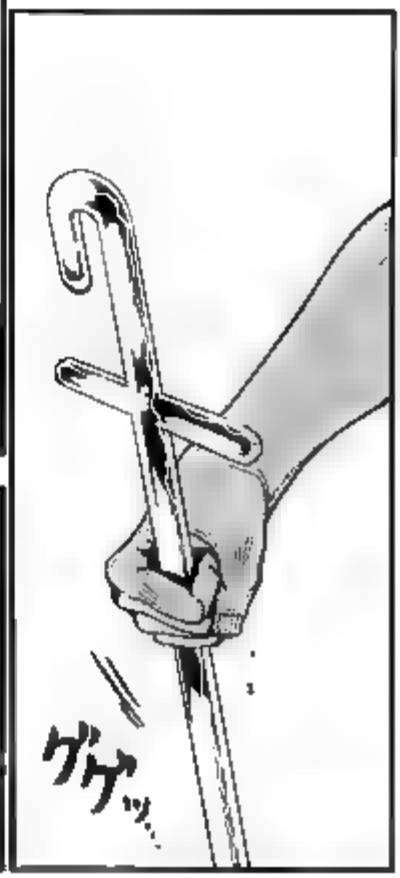
LORD ARMAKAN...
...NARMES, LET'S GO.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'TIL THE END...
WE'LL SEE THIS THROUGH...

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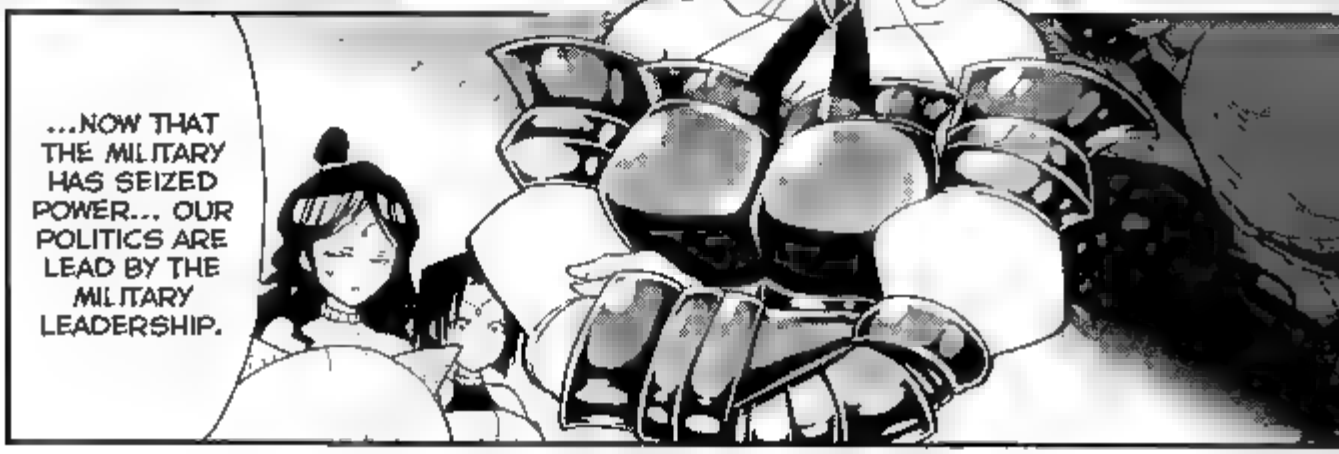
IT'S A DIFFICULT PROBLEM, ISN'T IT... ?
SOME VARIATION OF THIS TYPE OF CONFLICT HAPPENS IN EVERY COUNTRY.
...BUT

THERE WERE VARIOUS FACTIONS WITHIN THE PALACE, AND THEIR POLICIES WERE OFTEN IN CONFLICT. THERE'S NO RIGHT ANSWER WHEN IT COMES TO POLITICS...
PARTHEVIA WAS THE SAME...


...NOW THAT THE MILITARY HAS SEIZED POWER... OUR POLITICS ARE LEAD BY THE MILITARY LEADERSHIP.

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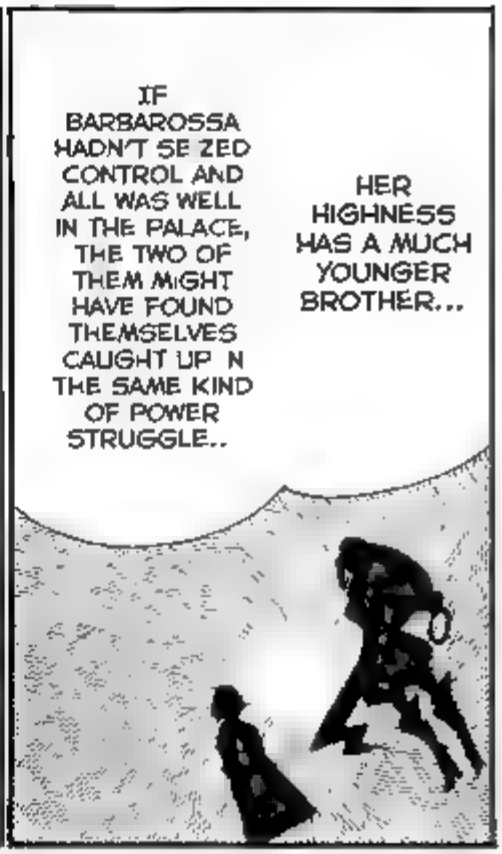
...BUT... IT'S FRUS-TRATING.

... YOU KNOW, IT'S IRONIC, BUT WE WERE ABLE TO AVOID THAT CONFLICT BECAUSE THINGS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS ..


IF BARBAROSSA HADN'T SE ZED CONTROL AND ALL WAS WELL IN THE PALACE, THE TWO OF THEM MIGHT HAVE FOUND THEMSELVES CAUGHT UP N THE SAME KIND OF POWER STRUGGLE..
HER HIGHNESS HAS A MUCH YOUNGER BROTHER...

BEING USED AS A PAWN IN A POWER STRUGGLE IS SUCH A HEARTBREAKING SITUATION...
JUST THINKING ABOUT A BOY THE SAME AGE AS MY LITTLE BROTHER...
IT PAINS ME...
.....

OUR FORMER KING RESTS HERE.
...WE'VE ARRIVED.
NOW... TO CONFIRM WHAT'S CARVED ON THE SARCOPHAGUS.

WHAT ...?!
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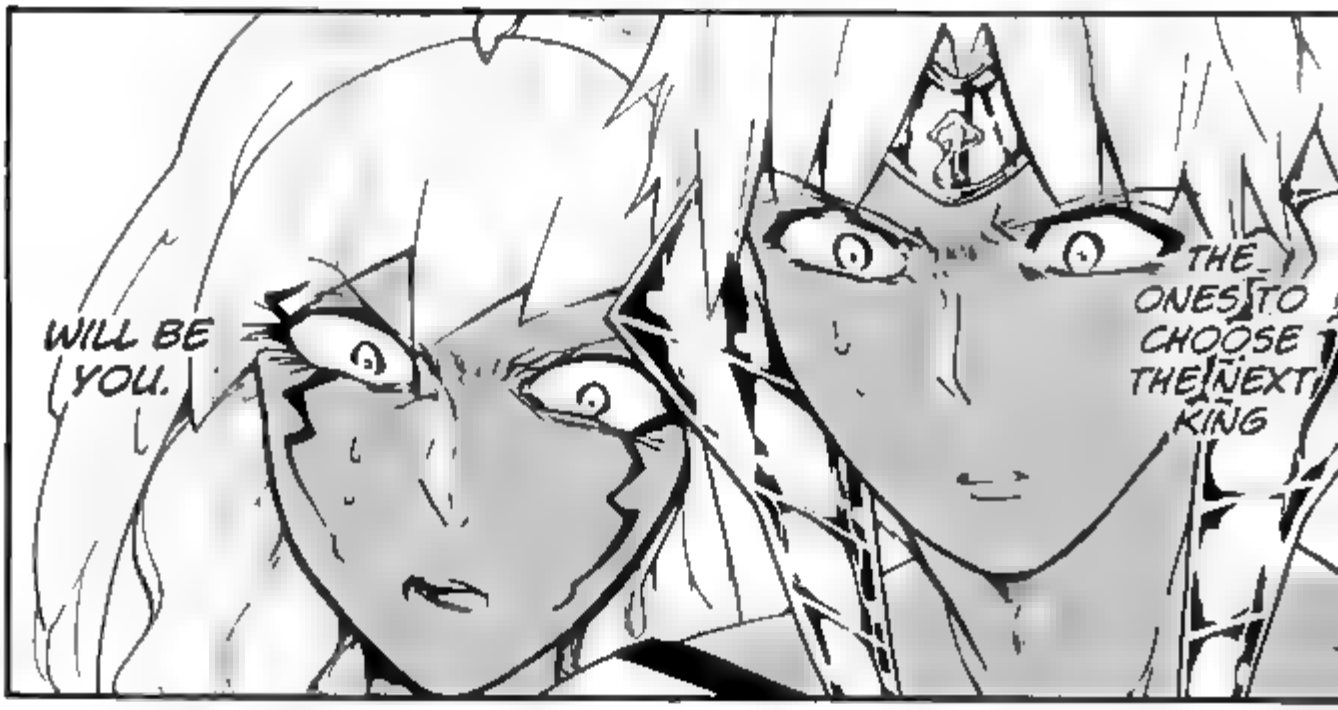
...I'M SURE WE WERE TOLD THAT THE FINAL WORDS OF THE FORMER KING NAMING HIS SUCCESSOR WERE TO BE CARVED INTO HIS SARCOPHAGUS, BUT...
YEAH... BUT...
IN THE WORLD ...
WHAT...

THERE'S

NOTHING WRITTEN HERE?

...A SCROLL?
UMM... THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE IN HERE...
LISTEN CAREFULLY, ALL THOSE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY.
THIS IS A DEVIATION FROM THE CUSTOM OF CARVING ONE'S WILL INTO THE SARCOPHAGUS, A CUSTOM ESTABLISHED BY GENERATIONS OF KINGS.
THIS IS MY FINAL WILL AND TESTAMENT.
I AM ATENKUMEN.
I WILL NOT CHOOSE THE NEXT KING.
I AM PERSONALLY PUTTING AN END TO THIS ROYAL CUSTOM.


WILL BE YOU.
THE ONES TO CHOOSE THE NEXT KING

AS THE TWO PRINCES OF HELIOHAPT,
YOU MUST WORK TOGETHER TO DECIDE WHO WILL BE THE NEXT KING.

ARMAKAN, SHARRKAN.

AS THE TWO PRINCES OF HELIOHAPT, YOU MUST WORK TOGETHER TO DECIDE THE NEXT KING.

ARMAKAN, SHARRKAN,

THAT MEANS...

THE FORMER KING DIDN'T CHOOSE A SUCCESSOR...

... WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...?

HAS YET TO BE DECIDED!!

THE ONE TO BECOME THE NEXT KING

THE KING HAS ALWAYS CHOSEN HIS OWN SUCCESSOR.
THAT IS THE ROYAL FAMILY'S TRADITION. THAT'S...
UNBELIEVABLE...
NOTHING LIKE THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT OUR LONG-STANDING CUSTOM,
ONE THAT HAS CONTINUED FOR CENTURIES, WOULD BE BROKEN LIKE THIS...
THAT'S... IMPOSSIBLE.

SHARRKAN'S NAME WAS SUPPOSED TO BE CARVED INTO HIS SARCOPHAGUS, WASN'T IT?

RIGHT?

THERE'S NO WAY THE FORMER KING WOULD DO THAT...

SHARRKAN.

ANSWER ME.

SHARRKAN... YOU SAID SO, DIDN'T YOU?

YOU SAID YOU WOULD BECOME THE NEXT KING...

DIDN'T YOU TELL US THAT?!!

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.....
... OH,
IS THAT IT...?
YOU DECEIVED ME
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE JUST A PUPPET ...!!

IF THAT... IF THAT HAS...!!
WE'RE ONLY HERE BECAUSE SHARRKAN WAS SUPPOSED TO BE KING!

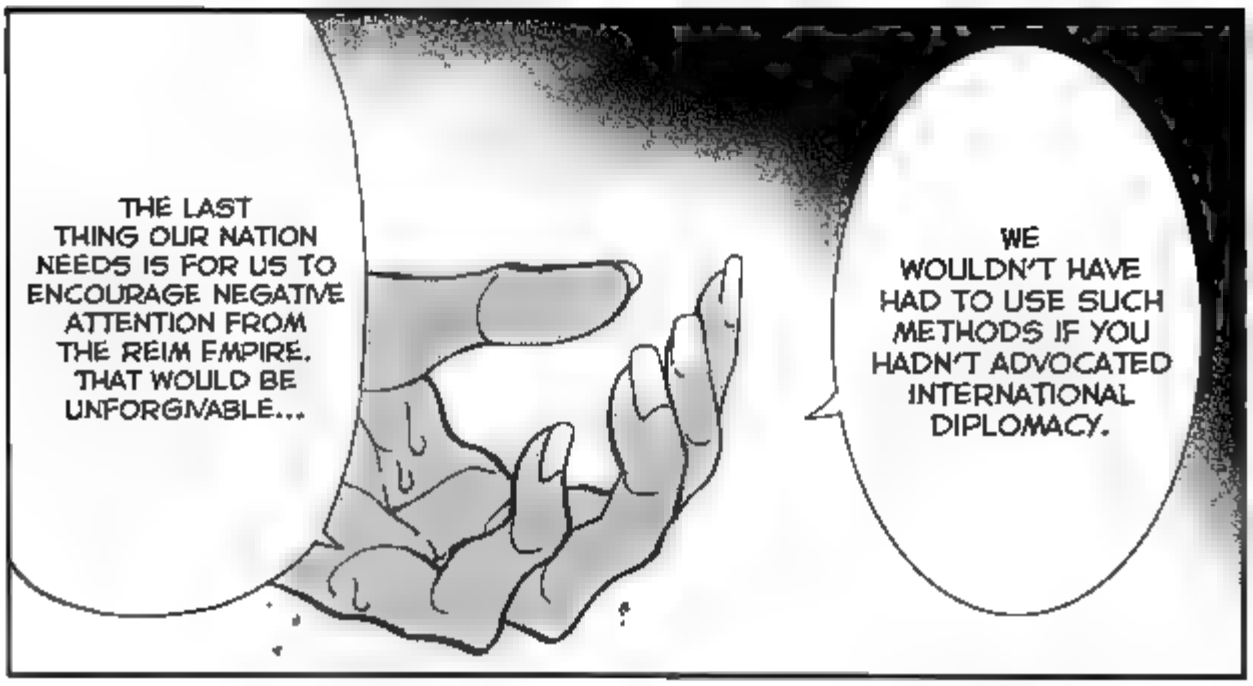
SILENCE, NARMES!
PLEASE STOP, LADY PATRA!!

IF EVERYTHING HAS TURNED OUT LIKE THIS,

TO DRAG ARMAKAN FROM THE THRONE!!
WE SHOULD HAVE JUST KEPT USING THE DUNGEON AND THE CURSE

.....
.....
SO IT WAS YOU AFTER ALL. THE MYSTERIOUS DEATHS THAT LED TO RUMORS OF A CURSE...

ISN'T THAT ALL YOUR FAULT, ARMAKAN?
YOU'VE AGITATED OUR CITIZENS AND THROWN OUR COUNTRY INTO CHAOS. THAT IS UNFORGIVABLE.
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE DOWAGER QUEEN,


THE LAST THING OUR NATION NEEDS IS FOR US TO ENCOURAGE NEGATIVE ATTENTION FROM THE REIM EMPIRE. THAT WOULD BE UNFORGIVABLE...
WE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TO USE SUCH METHODS IF YOU HADN'T ADVOCATED INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY.

... YOU SAY WE SHOULDN'T ATTRACT REIM'S ATTENTION...

AND YET, YOU BELONG TO THE NEW REIM FACTION, DON'T YOU?

TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY!!
WHAT WE DID WAS NECESSARY

COMPARED TO IT, HELIOHAPT IS JUST A SMALL NATION.
THE REIM EMPIRE IS JUST NORTH OF OUR COUNTRY.
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COUNTRY THAT BELONG TO IT.
NEW REIM FACTION?
SOME HAVE TRIED TO DEVELOP A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH REIM IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFRONTATION AND ENSURE OUR SAFETY.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?!!
THAT GROUP IS THE NEW REIM FACTION.
AND PLAYING BY THEIR RULES
ONLY THROUGH CAREFULLY MONITORING REIM'S MOOD
WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY!!
THERE'S NO WAY WE'RE A MATCH FOR THAT HUGE EMPIRE!!
OUR SMALL NATION!
WITHOUT DOING SO, SURVIVING ALL THESE YEARS WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE!

OF JUVENILES WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW TO RULE!!
WE CAN'T LEAVE THIS COUNTRY IN THE HANDS...
WE CAN'T LET THE CENTURIES-OLD TRADITIONS OF THE HELIOHAPT ROYAL LINE COME TO AN END LIKE THIS!!
THAT IS THE DUTY OF THE ROYAL FAMILY!!
MAINTAINING OUR CURRENT BALANCE IS THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION FOR THIS COUNTRY!
ARE YOU SAYING WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE REIM TO INVADE US?!
IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS, NOTHING WILL EVER CHANGE!!
BUT ISN'T IT ALSO OUR DUTY TO FREE OURSELVES FROM REIM'S CONTROL!?

OUR PEOPLE MAY BE TEMPORARILY IMPOVERISHED, BUT IT'S IN EXCHANGE FOR ENSURING THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY!
THAT WOULD BE TOO NAIVE!!
PLEASE TAKE THEIR FUTURES INTO CONSIDERATION!!
OUR PEOPLE ARE AT THEIR LIMITS!!

MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE AFTER ALL...
WORKING TOGETHER TO DECIDE THE NEXT KING...
I DON'T THINK THIS ENDLESS ARGUMENT WILL LEAD TO A COMPROMISE...
EVEN THOUGH THEIR METHODS ARE DIFFERENT, THEY'RE ALL FIGHTING TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY...

!

I CAN... SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM.

HOLD ON A MINUTE!

... NO,

THE SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE CAN!!

THE SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE
WILL BRING AN END TO HELIOHAPT'S DILEMMA.

ACCORDING TO THE FORMER KING'S WILL... WE HAVE NO OPTION BUT TO WORK TOGETHER TO DECIDE HIS SUCCESSOR.

BUT, AS LONG AS WE ADHERE TO PARALLEL LINES OF THOUGHT, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO CONVERGE ON A SOLUTION.

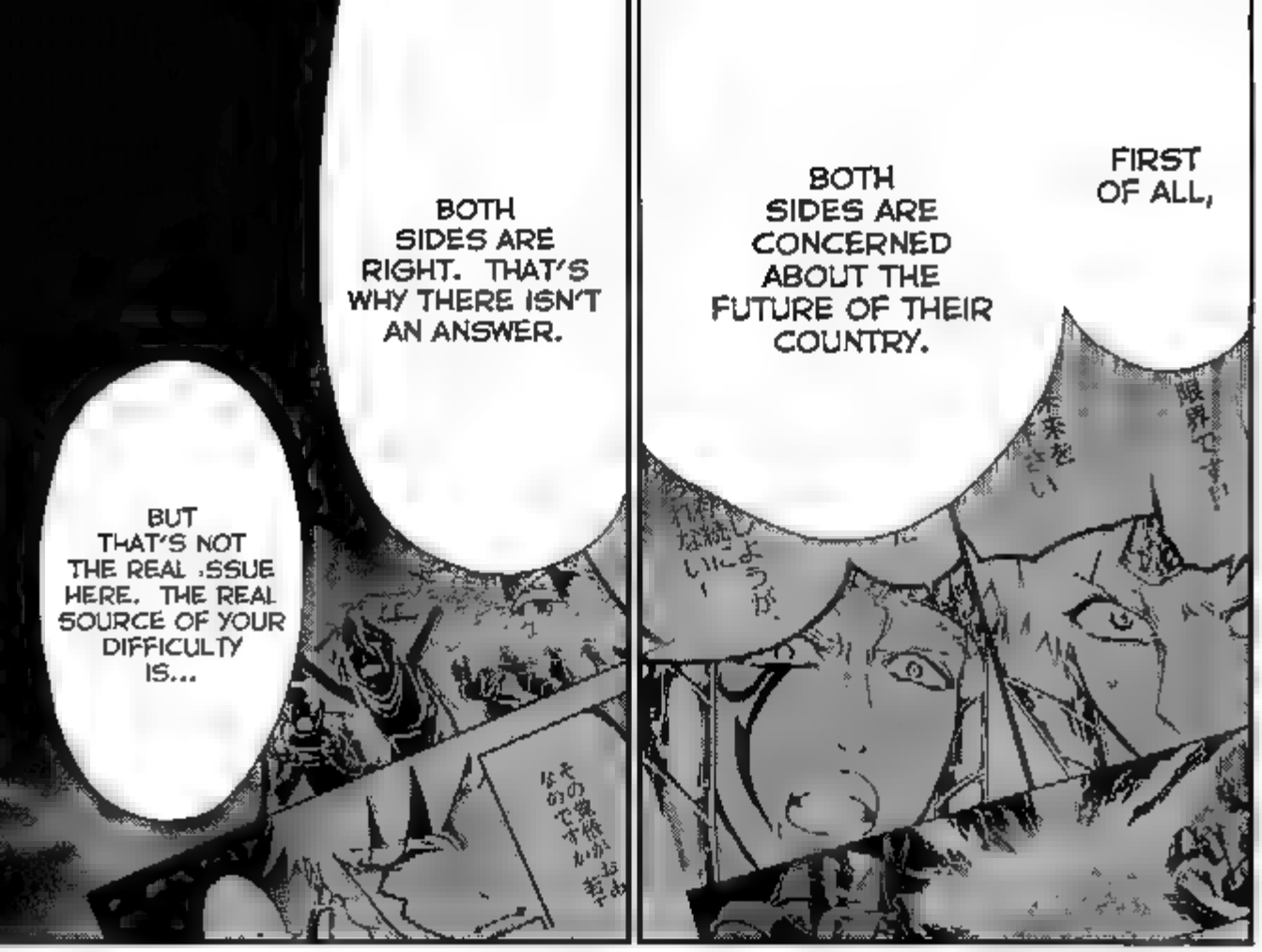
ALLIANCE... ? WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

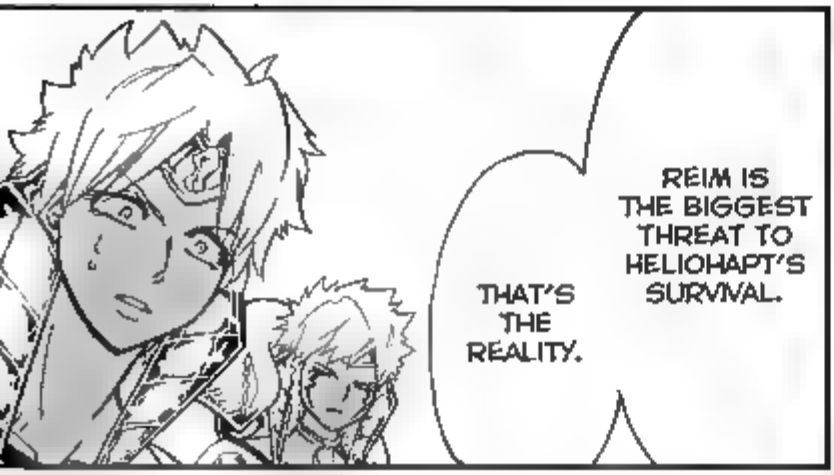
... I AM.

AND IT'S A PROBLEM ONLY I CAN SOLVE.

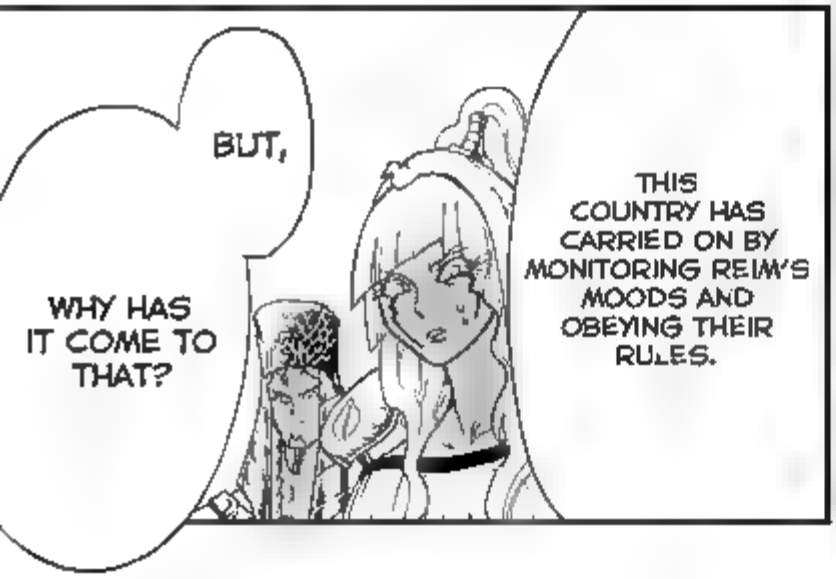
AND YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE CAPABLE OF SOLVING

SUCH AN IMPOSSIBLE PROBLEM?!


BOTH SIDES ARE RIGHT. THAT'S WHY THERE ISN'T AN ANSWER.
BUT THAT'S NOT THE REAL ISSUE HERE. THE REAL SOURCE OF YOUR DIFFICULTY IS...
FIRST OF ALL,
BOTH SIDES ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THEIR COUNTRY.


REIM IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO HELIOHAPT'S SURVIVAL.
THAT'S THE REALITY.

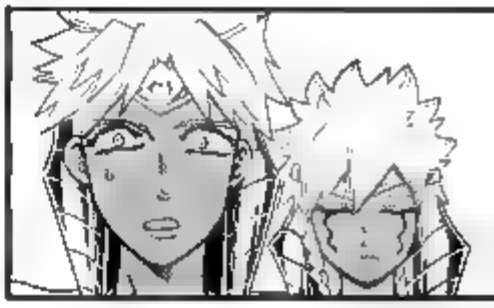
THE REIM EMPIRE.


BUT,
WHY HAS IT COME TO THAT?
THIS COUNTRY HAS CARRIED ON BY MONITORING REIM'S MOODS AND OBEYING THEIR RULES.

IT'S BECAUSE THIS COUNTRY DOESN'T HAVE THE POWER TO DEFY REIM.

YOU EITHER HAVE TO GAIN THAT POWER YOURSELF,

OR BORROW IT FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE.



THAT'S SIMPLE.

WHAT SHOULD A COUNTRY WITH NO POWER DO?

ALLOW ME, SINBAD THE DUNGEON CONQUEROR,
TO PROTECT YOU WITH MY POWER THAT RIVALS REIM'S.
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IF YOU DO THIS, YOU'LL NO LONGER NEED TO FEAR REIM.
YOU CAN LIVE FREELY...
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!!

YOU'RE ONLY A MERCHANT ...
AND A FOREIGNER...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD DO ANY OF THAT!!

ALLIANCE? POWER TO STAND UP TO REIM? THAT'S THE MOST RIDICULOUS THING I'VE EVER HEARD!!

SPOUT SUCH NONSENSE LIKE IT'S A GOOD IDEA!!
HOW DARE YOU, AN OUTSIDER ..

THEN WE'D JUST BE FORCED TO OBEY YOU INSTEAD OF REIM!
EVEN IF WE COULD PROTECT THIS COUNTRY BY BORROWING YOUR POWER,

IT'S AN ALLIANCE.

AND THAT'S NOT THE SAME AS AN INVASION. WE DON'T RULE OR EXPECT ANYONE TO OBEY US.

YOU'RE WRONG.

THAT'S NOT HOW IT WILL BE.

THE WORLD IS STILL FULL OF INJUSTICE.

DISCRIMI-NATION.

POVERTY,

WAR,

THE WORLD IS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO ARE TIED DOWN AND SUFFERING -- PEOPLE WHO DON'T HAVE THE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE THEIR OWN WAY OF LIFE.

I FEEL THE SAME WAY TOWARDS THIS COUNTRY.

I WANT TO SAVE PEOPLE LIKE THAT.

IT'S WRONG FOR SOMEONE WITH MORE POWER THAN YOU

TO TAKE AWAY YOUR RIGHT TO DECIDE YOUR OWN FUTURE.

THIS POWER IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO HELP A SMALL COUNTRY STAND UP TO A LARGER ONE.

A METAL VESSEL CONTAINS ENOUGH POWER TO DESTROY AN ENTIRE COUNTRY OVERNIGHT.

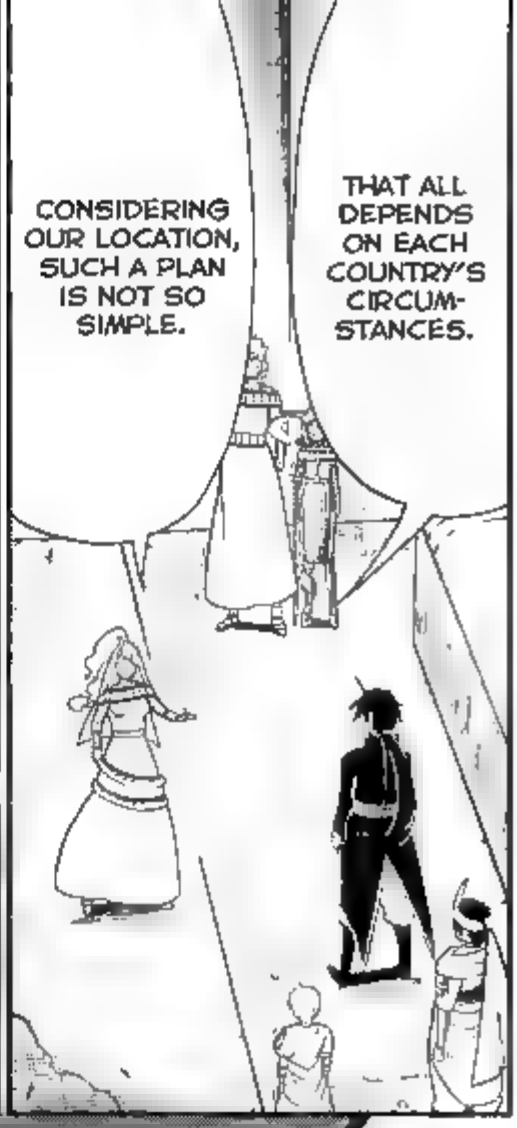
I HAVE CONQUERED A DUNGEON AND GAINED THE POWER OF A METAL VESSEL.

WE DON'T INVADE. WE DON'T LET OURSELVES BE INVADED.
WE RESPECT THE INDEPENDENCE OF EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY.
A UNIQUE INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE THAT BELIEVES IN COLLABORATION AND NONAGGRESSION.
I'VE ALREADY FORMED ALLIANCES WITH SEVERAL OTHER NATIONS.
IMUCHAKK, SASAN, ARTEMYRA... THEY'RE ALL SMALL BUT POWERFUL COUNTRIES...
WE'VE PROMISED TO COOPERATE WITH ONE ANOTHER AND COMBINE OUR STRENGTH.

AND AIM TO UNIFY THE SEVEN SEAS...
WE PROTECT INTERNATIONAL STABILITY
THAT IS THE "SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE."

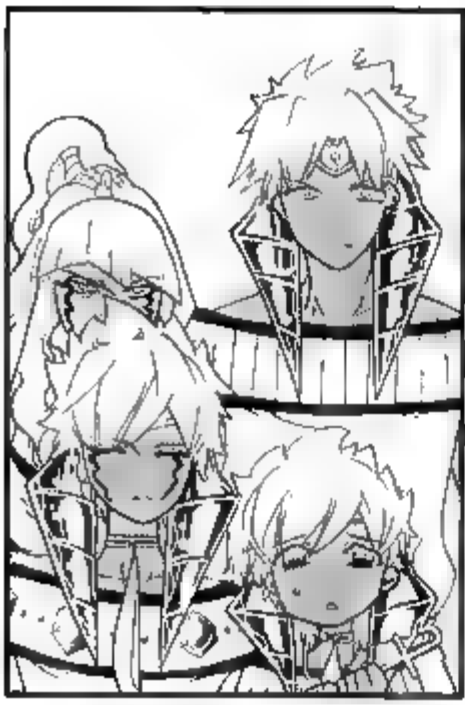
THIS IS THE ALLIANCE I'VE FOUNDED.
HELIOHAPT CAN MAINTAIN ITS AUTONOMY,
AND THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE WILL NOT HESITATE TO LEND YOU THE R ASSISTANCE.
... HOW ABSURD.

THAT YOU HAVE THAT MUCH POWER?
BESIDES... ALLIANCE? UNION? WHAT IDIOT WOULD BELIEVE


CONSIDERING OUR LOCATION, SUCH A PLAN IS NOT SO SIMPLE.
THAT ALL DEPENDS ON EACH COUNTRY'S CIRCUM-STANCES.

... I UNDER-STAND.

I'LL SHOW YOU MY POWER.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, JA'FAR?
. SIN. AS FAR AWAY FROM THE CITY AS WE ARE, PLEASE STILL TRY TO USE A LITTLE RESTRAINT.

Bararaq Saiqa!!

OF COURSE I'M GIVING IT ALL I'VE GOT.

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THIS IS... THE POWER OF A METAL VESSEL...

IF THIS IS THE STRENGTH OF A METAL VESSEL, THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.
BESIDES,
THAT'S NOT MY ONLY METAL VESSEL.
"DJINN EQUIP" VALEFOR

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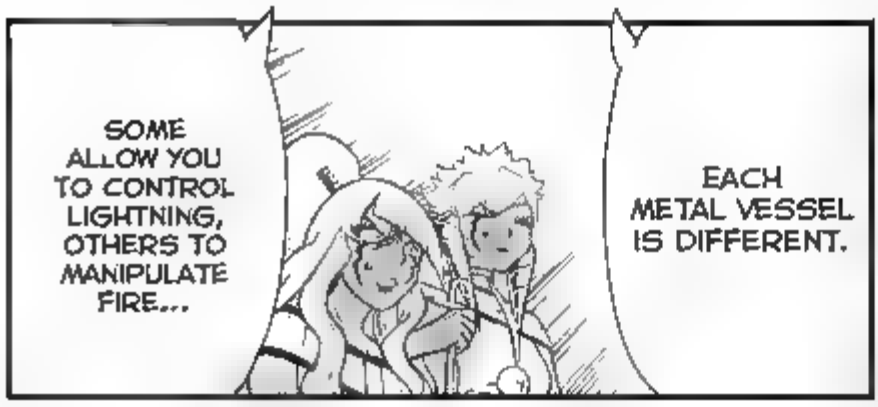
SIN?!
WHAT ARE YOU...


SOME ALLOW YOU TO CONTROL LIGHTNING, OTHERS TO MANIPULATE FIRE...
EACH METAL VESSEL IS DIFFERENT.

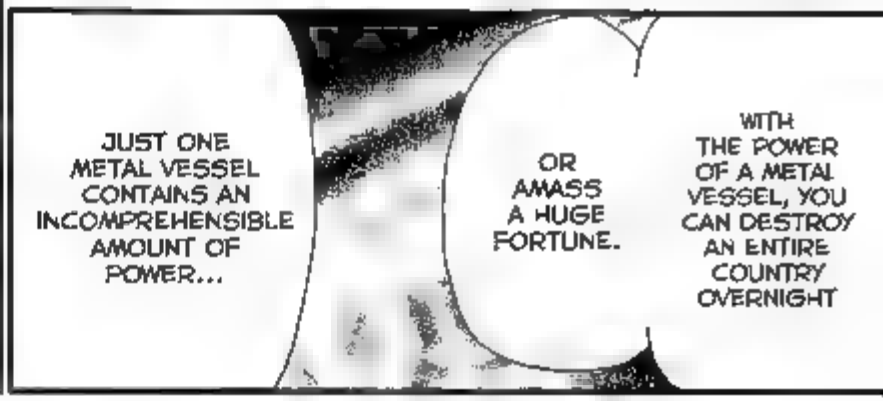
IF YOU MISUSE THEM...
HOWEVER, ALL OF THAT DEPENDS ON THE CHOICES YOU MAKE. .

SOME CAN BE USED AS WEAPONS,
OTHERS CAN PROTECT THOSE AROUND YOU. THERE'S A MULTITUDE OF WAYS TO USE A METAL VESSEL.

AN ENTIRE DESERT IN ICE.
YOU CAN INSTANTLY COVER

IF I WANTED TO INVADE HELIOHAPT, IT WOULD ALREADY BE MINE.

BUT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO WIELDS ONE.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OR AMASS A HUGE FORTUNE.
WITH THE POWER OF A METAL VESSEL, YOU CAN DESTROY AN ENTIRE COUNTRY OVERNIGHT

MOST OF THE NATIONAL LEADERS IN THE SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE HAVE THEIR OWN METAL VESSELS.
AND THERE ARE RUMORS THAT EVEN MORE ARE BEING USED AROUND THE WORLD...

REIM ISN'T YOUR ONLY THREAT.
NOW THAT MORE AND MORE DUNGEONS ARE APPEARING, IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING FOR MORE METAL VESSELS TO TURN UP AS WELL.
NO ONE RIVALS HIS STRENGTH.
OUR MASTER IS THE FIRST MULTIPLE DUNGEON CONQUEROR IN THE WORLD.
HAS ALSO CONQUERED A DUNGEON AND HAS HER OWN METAL VESSEL.
IN ADDITION, ONE OF OUR ALLIES, PRINCESS CELENDINE OF PARTHEVIA,

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LISTEN TO ME. OUR ONLY DESIRE IS TO PROTECT GLOBAL BALANCE.

A PRINCESS OF THE PARTHEVIAN EMPIRE. .?!!
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WE MUST BECOME A POWER THAT PROTECTS HUMANITY.
TO BUILD THE WORLD AS IT SHOULD BE AND TO PREVENT THIS IMMENSE POWER FROM THROWING EVERYTHING INTO CHAOS,
IN ORDER TO DO SO, WE NEED YOUR COOPERATION.

I AM THE HEAD OF THE SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY AND THE LEADER OF THE SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE.
I AM SINBAD.
I HAVE THE DETERMINATION...

NARMES.

THIS MAN HAS SEEN FURTHER THAN WE COULD EVEN IMAGINE.
I HAVE BEEN TOO NAIVE...

I NOW UNDERSTAND JUST HOW NARROW OUR WORLDVIEW HAS BEEN WHILE WE'VE BEEN SHUT AWAY IN OUR OWN COUNTRY.
IT'S FRUSTRATING...
TO COME TO UNDERSTAND YOUR OWN IGNORANCE IN THIS WAY.

YOUR SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE.

HELIOHAPT WILL JOIN

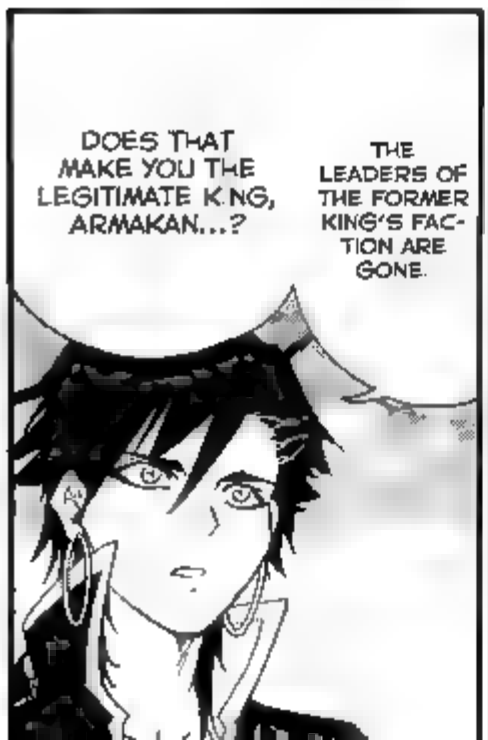
I WANT YOU TO LEND THIS COUNTRY YOUR STRENGTH.

IT'S POINTLESS. HE'S THE REAL THING...
WHETHER WE MAKE REIM OUR ENEMY OR HIM OUR ENEMY, IT'S ALL THE SAME...
WE'RE NO MATCH. . FOR HIS POWER.
だらん...
THERE'S NO CHOICE... BUT TO ACCEPT OUR FATE...

SINBAD. YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE.

YES. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING TOGETHER.
HERE'S OUR TRADE AGREEMENT. WE'LL DISCUSS THE DETAILS AT A LATER DATE.

BUT ALSO EXPOSED THE SCHEMES OF THE FORMER KING'S FACTION.
NOT ONLY YOU DID SOLVE THIS COUNTRY'S DILEMMA WITH THE REIM EMPIRE,


DOES THAT MAKE YOU THE LEGITIMATE KING, ARMAKAN...?
THE LEADERS OF THE FORMER KING'S FACTION ARE GONE.

MANY INNOCENT CITIZENS DIED.. WE MUST DEAL OUT A SUITABLE SENTENCE.
EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE ROYALTY, THEY WILL FACE HARSH PUNISHMENT.

AND FORTUNATELY, ALL THOSE THAT WOULD INTERFERE ARE GONE...
SO BOTH MY YOUNGER BROTHER AND I MUST DECIDE TOGETHER...
BUT WE MUST CONSIDER THE WILL OF THE FORMER KING...
YES,
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... WHAT WILL YOU DO?
SHARRKAN.

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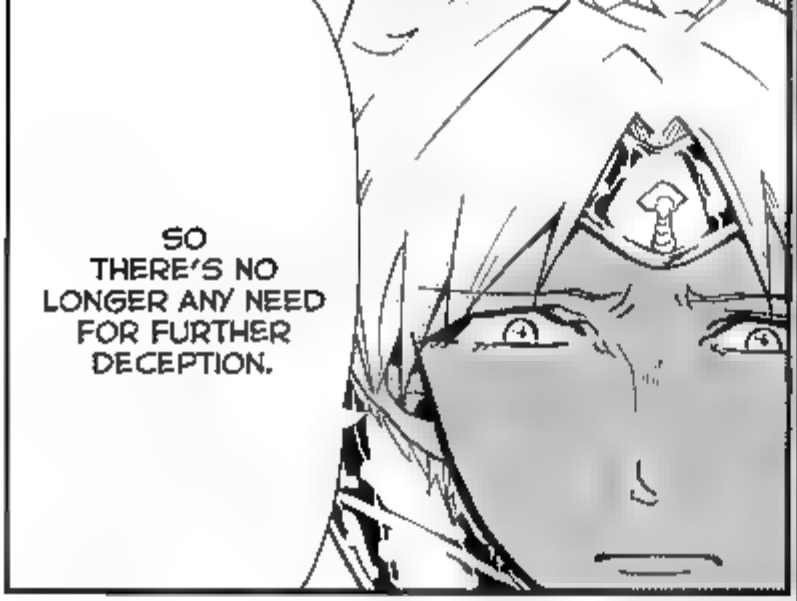

SO THERE'S NO LONGER ANY NEED FOR FURTHER DECEPTION.

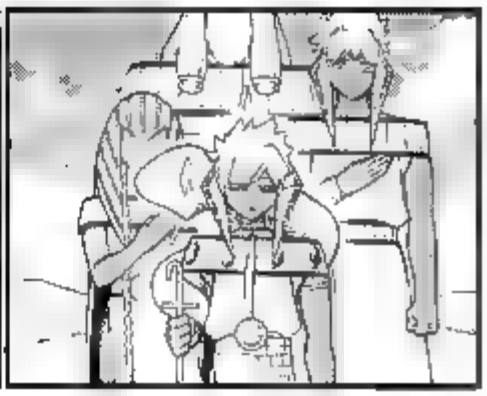
LORD SHARRKAN, THE DOWAGER QUEEN AND VIZIER ARE NO LONGER HERE,

PLEASE TELL US HOW YOU REALLY FEEL.
I... I...
THINK THE ONE WHO

... MY BROTHER.
SHOULD BE KING IS...

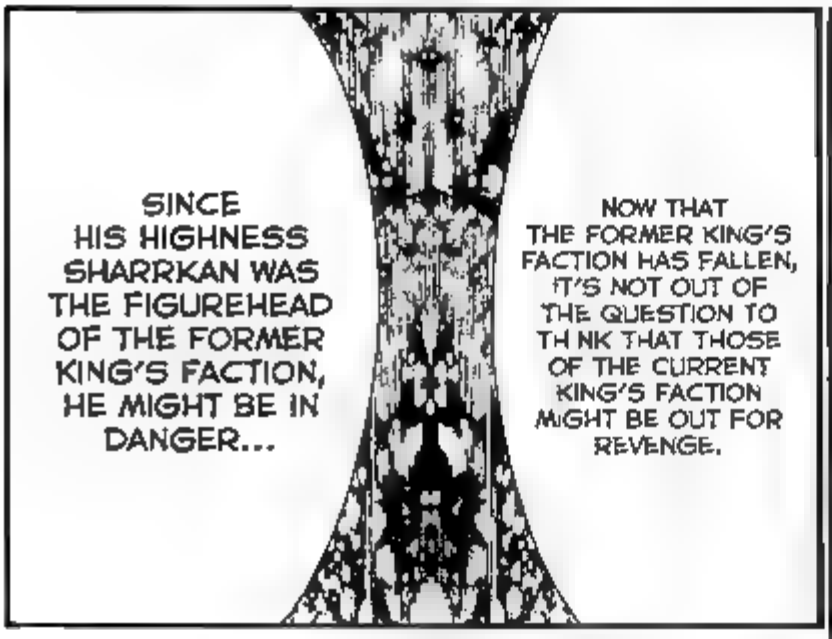
SINCE I'VE ALWAYS JUST DONE WHAT MOTHER TOLD ME... I'M... NOT QUALIFIED FOR SUCH A ROLE...
I KNOW I'M NOT FIT FOR SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE.

WHAT YOU INTENDED TO DO FROM THE START?
IS THIS

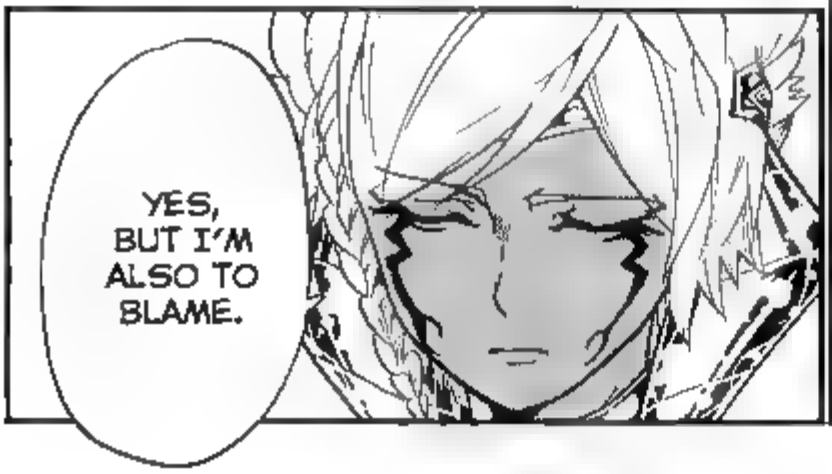


WOULD SAY SUCH A THING...
IT WAS STRANGE... WHY YOU, WHOSE FREEDOM OF SPEECH WAS ALWAYS RESTRICTED BY THE FORMER KING'S FACTION,
... NOW THAT I CAN CALMLY THINK ABOUT IT...

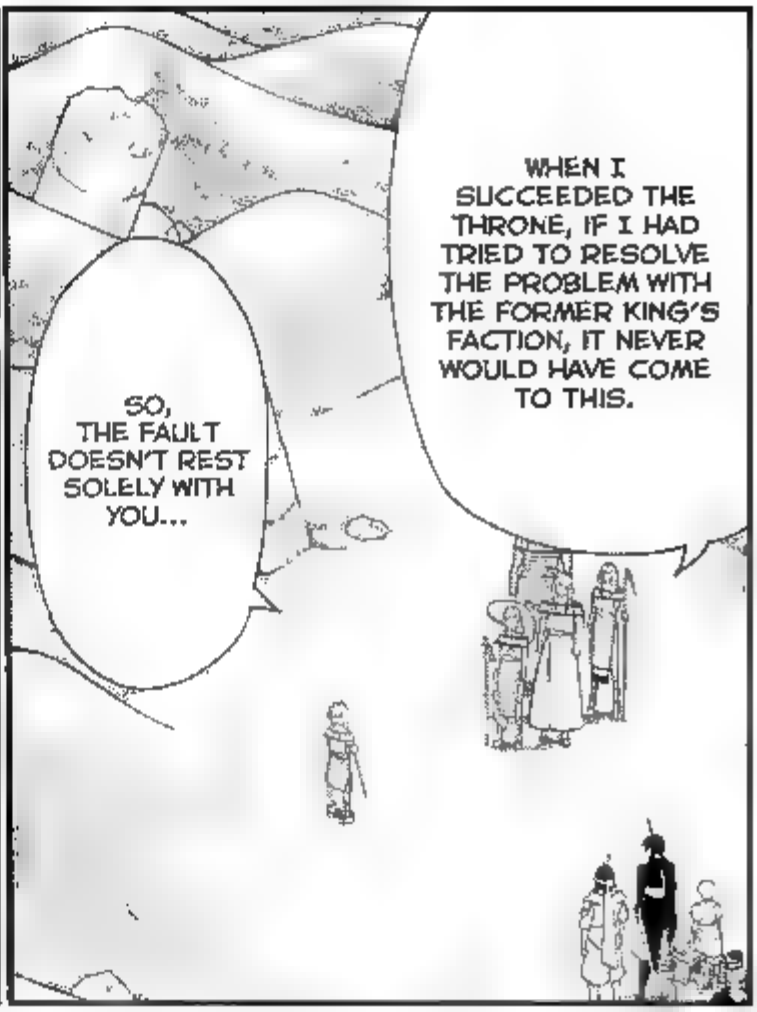
IT WAS ALL TOO LATE.
FOOLISH LITTLE BROTHER...


SINCE HIS HIGHNESS SHARRKAN WAS THE FIGUREHEAD OF THE FORMER KING'S FACTION, HE MIGHT BE IN DANGER...
NOW THAT THE FORMER KING'S FACTION HAS FALLEN, IT'S NOT OUT OF THE QUESTION TO TH NK THAT THOSE OF THE CURRENT KING'S FACTION MIGHT BE OUT FOR REVENGE.

THE CONFLICT IN THIS COUNTRY RESULTED IN INNOCENT DEATHS.
IT'S TRUE...


YES, BUT I'M ALSO TO BLAME.

... HOW SAD.
... YES.


WHEN I SUCCEEDED THE THRONE, IF I HAD TRIED TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM WITH THE FORMER KING'S FACTION, IT NEVER WOULD HAVE COME TO THIS.
SO, THE FAULT DOESN'T REST SOLELY WITH YOU...

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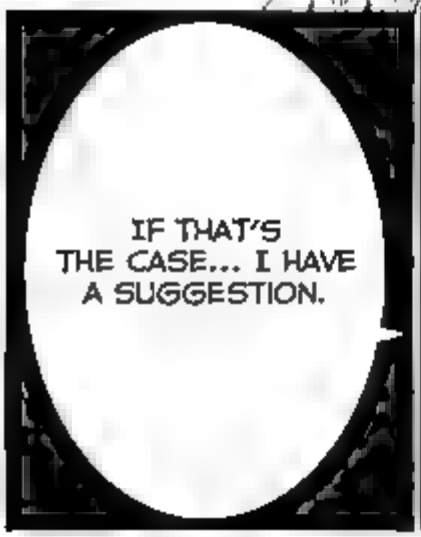
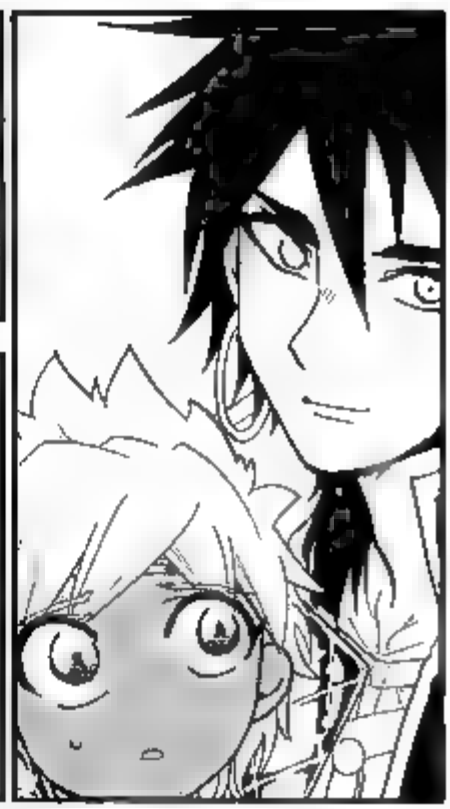

IF THAT'S THE CASE... I HAVE A SUGGESTION.

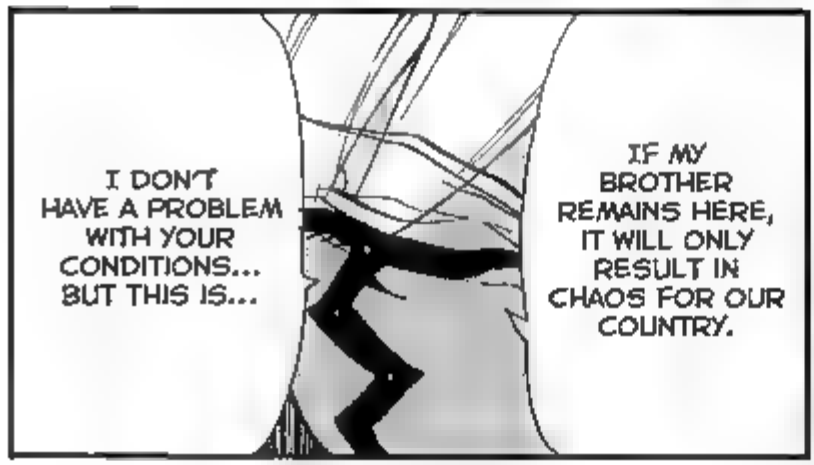
REGARDLESS OF HIS WISHES...
IF THAT CHILD REMAINS IN THIS COUNTRY, IT WILL ONLY SPARK FUTURE CONFLICT.

PLACE HIS HIGHNESS SHARRKAN IN THE CARE OF THE SINDRIA TRADING COMPANY?
WHY DON'T YOU

WHICH MEANS THAT IT WOULD BE UNADVISABLE FOR HIM TO REMAIN IN THIS COUNTRY.
IT SOUNDS LIKE HIS HIGHNESS IS CURRENTLY IN A DANGEROUS POSITION...
!
WHAT?!
SINBAD, LEADER OF THE SEVEN SEAS ALLIANCE?
BUT WHAT IF YOU LEAVE HIM IN THE CARE OF
I THINK YOU COULD SAY IT'S THE SAFEST PLACE IN THE WORLD...?
OTHER ROYAL CHILDREN AND IMPORTANT PERSONS FROM OUR ALLIED NATIONS HAVE ALREADY JOINED US AT THE COMPANY.

... IT'S TRUE.




I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH YOUR CONDITIONS... BUT THIS IS...
IF MY BROTHER REMAINS HERE, IT WILL ONLY RESULT IN CHAOS FOR OUR COUNTRY.

OF COURSE NOT!
I NEVER HAD THAT INTENTION...

LIKE YOU'RE TAKING A HOSTAGE.

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FINE.
.....
SINBAD, I'LL ENTRUST MY LITTLE BROTHER TO YOU.
AS A SYMBOL OF OUR ALLIANCE.
YOU CAN TAKE HIM WITH YOU

AS HELIOHAPT IS NOW, YOUR PRESENCE WILLONLY LEAD TO MORE TROUBLE.
THERE'S NO PLACE FOR YOU IN THIS COUNTRY.
LISTEN WELL...
B... BROTHER ...?!
BUT
AND I HAVE SUPPRESSED THIS COUNTRY'S CONFLICTS AND SOLVED ITS PROBLEMS...
ONCE YOU HAVE GROWN AND FOUND YOUR OWN STRENGTH...

COME HOME. RETURN TO THIS COUNTRY SOME DAY...

.....
I WILL.
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF MY LITTLE BROTHER.
LORD ARMAKAN, WAS THAT REALLY THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION... ?
.....
THERE WAS NO WAY TO OBJECT TO SINBAD'S PROPOSAL. BUT HE IS A CUNNING MAN...

WE MAY HAVE ALIGNED OURSELVES WITH A TERRIFYING PERSON.
DUNGEON CONQUEROR SINBAD...
JUST HOW FAR AHEAD HAS HE CALCULATED? THE FACT THAT IT TURNED OUT THIS WAY MAY ALL BE ACCORDING TO HIS PLAN.
I WONDER IF HE INTENTIONALLY CREATED A SITUATION WHERE WE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE SUCH A CHOICE...
IN THE FUTURE, WITHOUT THE POWER OF A METAL VESSEL, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO SURVIVE IN THIS WORLD...
NATURALLY.
MORE IMPORTANTLY, NARMES,
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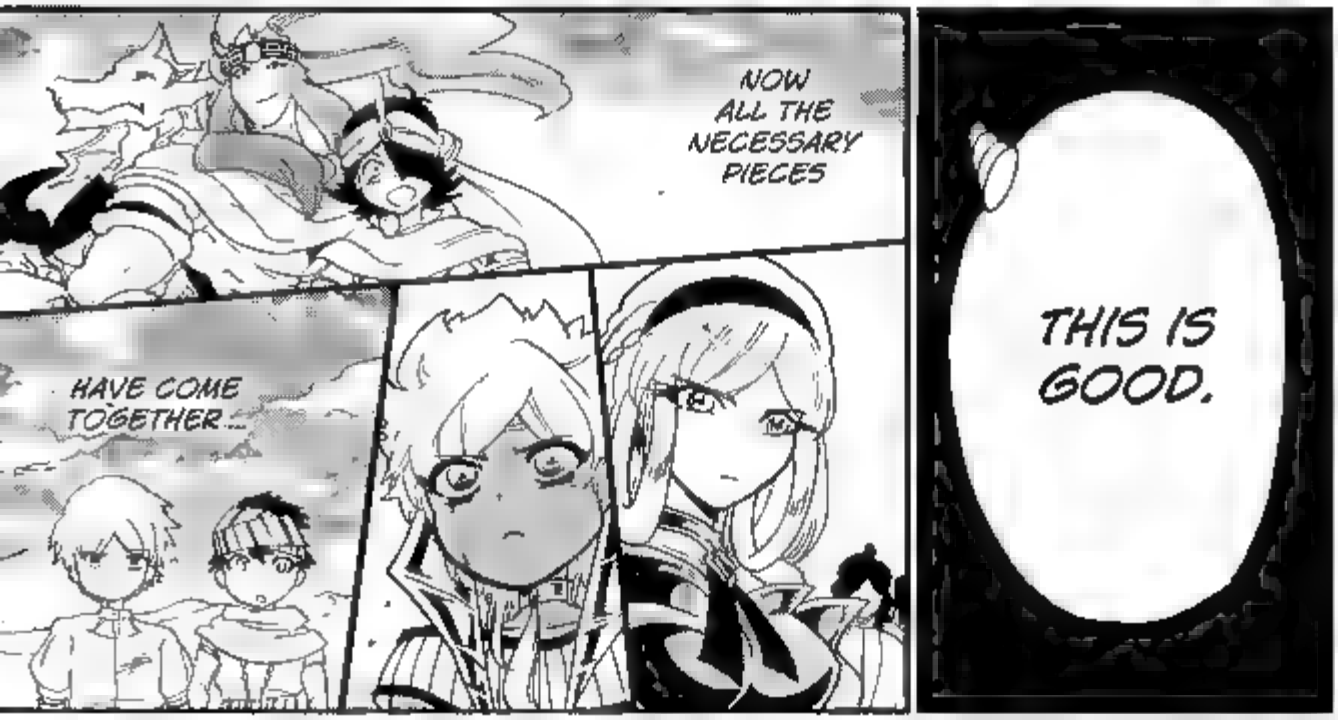
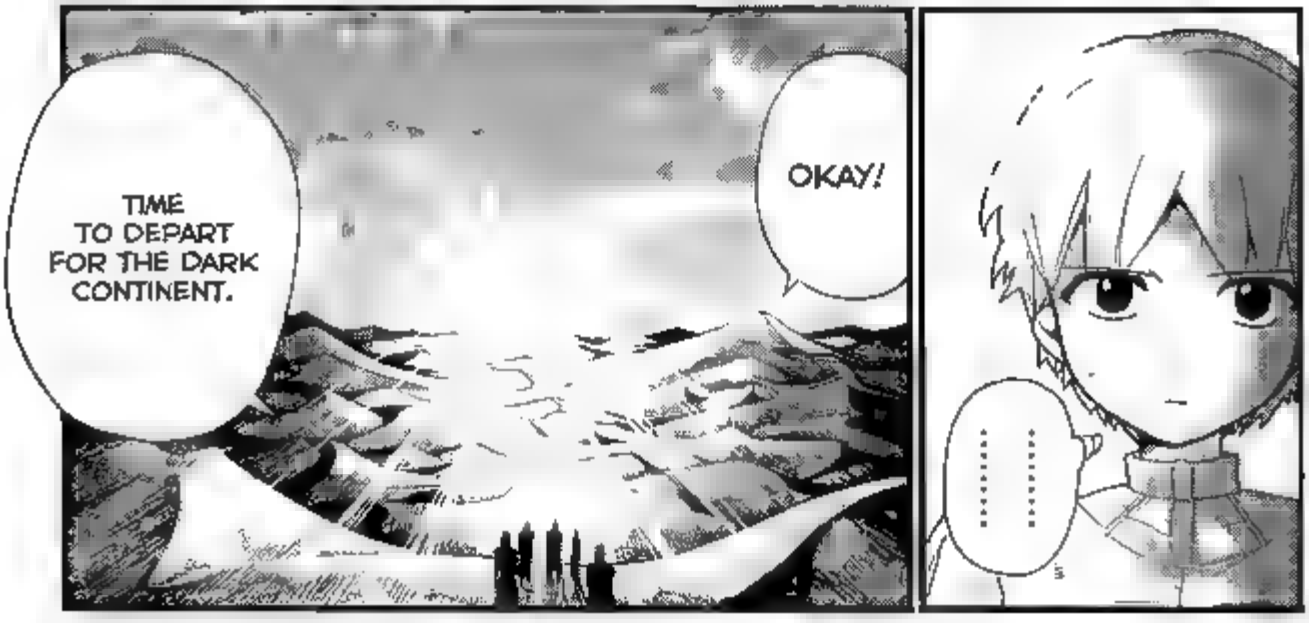
NO MATTER.
!!
YOU DON'T MEAN YOU WANT THE DUNGEON'S POWER?!
I WANT YOU TO INFORM ME WHEN THE NEXT DUNGEON APPEARS.

IN ORDER TO KEEP UP WITH IT, WE NEED THAT POWER!!
THE WORLD IS CHANGING AT A PACE NEVER BEFORE SEEN.


NOW ALL THE NECESSARY PIECES
HAVE COME TOGETHER...
THIS IS GOOD.


TIME TO DEPART FOR THE DARK CONTINENT.
OKAY!
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Reim territory, Katargo
SINBAD, ARE YOU SURE?
YEAH. I'M JUST ESCORTING MASRUR BACK TO HIS HOMETOWN, SO I'LL BE FINE ON MY OWN.
IF WE ALL GO, WE'LL STAND OUT TOO MUCH.

WAIT A MINUTE, SIN.
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All right!
WE'LL BE ON OUR WAY. LET'S GO, MASRUR!
PLEASE GO ON AND RETURN TO BALBADD.

It's that way-sh?
UM, WELL... WE'LL FIND IT IF WE JUST HEAD SOUTH, RIGHT?
DO YOU EVEN KNOW HOW TO GET TO THE DARK CONTINENT?
Don't grab me
WHAT IS IT, JA'FAR?

UM, EXCUSE ME...

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SO, DO YOU KNOW THE WAY, THEN?!
UH... THAT IS... UM...
Muttering

IT'S FINE! WE'LL FIGURE IT OUT.
YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE IT ACROSS THE DESERT LIKE THAT?!
NO YOU WON'T!! YOU'LL DIE LOST IN THE DESERT SOME-WHERE!!

IF YOU'RE HEADING TO THE DARK CONTINENT, I THINK IT MIGHT BE BEST TO FIRST SEARCH FOR THE PEOPLE OF TORRAN IN THE SOUTH...
THE R CIVILIZATION IS EVEN MORE ANCIENT THAN HELIOHAPT'S...
SO I THINK THEY WOULD KNOW ABOUT THE DARK CONTINENT
THE PEOPLE OF TORRAN.
THEY'RE A SMALL GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT SPEAK THE TORRAN LANGUAGE
I've read about them
I HEARD THAT THEY'RE A MYSTERIOUS PEOPLE SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BUT TO THINK THEY HAVE A VILLAGE EVEN IN THIS REMOTE REGION. .
Wow...

BUT JA'FAR...
YOU CAN'T ENDANGER HIS LIFE LIKE THAT
HE'S A PRINCE OF HELIOHAPT!! AND HE'S STILL JUST A CHILD ..

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?! YOU CAN'T!
DO YOU KNOW HOW TO GET TO THAT TORRAN VILLAGE? COULD YOU LEAD US THERE?
Y-YES...
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PRINCE SHARRKAN, PLEASE LEND US YOUR ASSISTANCE.
BOWS
S-SURE ...
WHAT?!! WHY DO YOU HAVE SO LITTLE FAITH IN ME?!
BUT I'LL WORRY IF YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE SUPERVISING HIM. I'LL BE GOING, TOO.

NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY, HE'S THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS THE WAY.
Sigh

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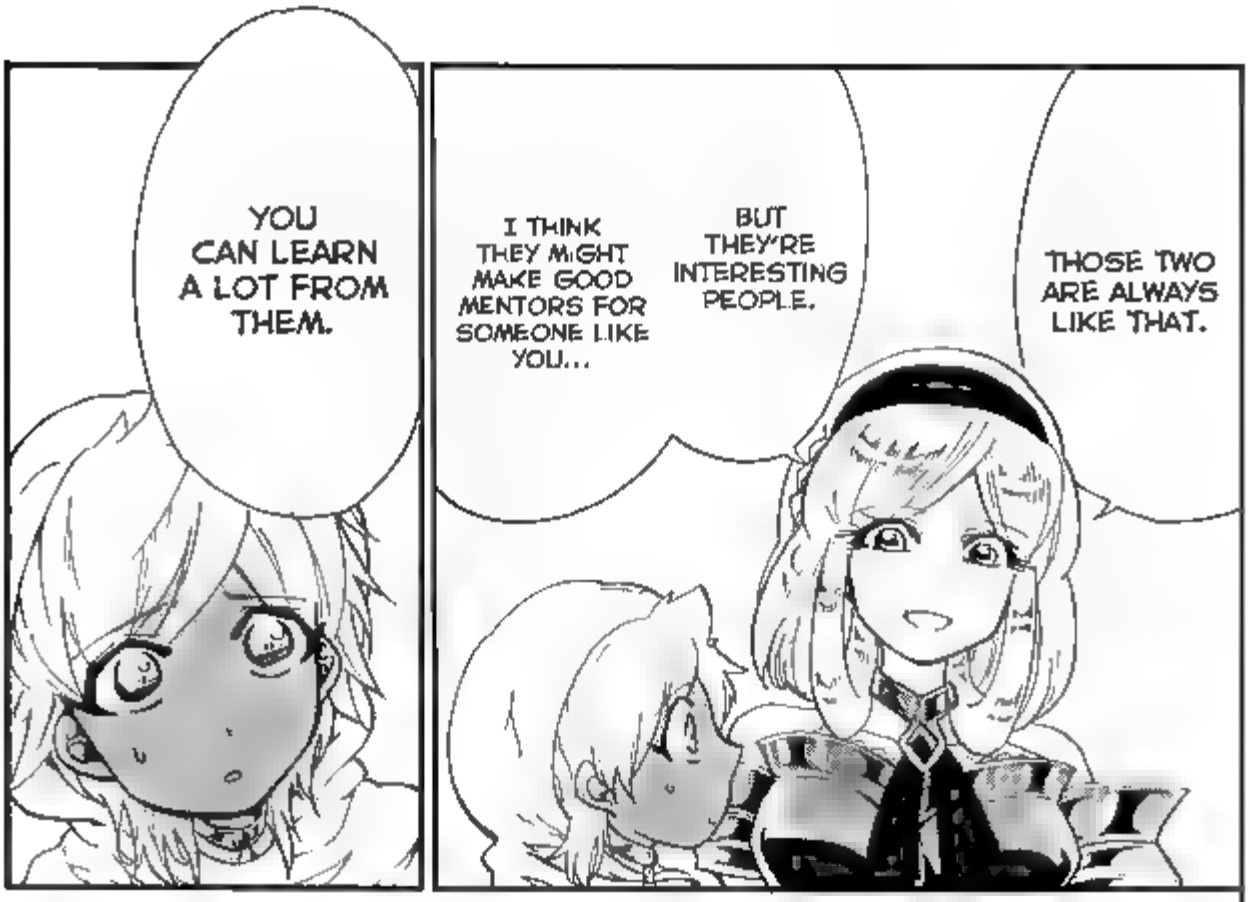
...FINE.

IT'S OKAY THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
You're imagining things
Haven't you been a bit hard on me lately?!


YOU CAN LEARN A LOT FROM THEM.
I THINK THEY MIGHT MAKE GOOD MENTORS FOR SOMEONE LIKE YOU...
BUT THEY'RE INTERESTING PEOPLE.
THOSE TWO ARE ALWAYS LIKE THAT.

... YES.

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JA'FAR... WE SHOULD DEFINITELY ...

KYAA!! WHAT THE HELL IS THIS SANDSTORM?!
AS YOU TRAVEL SOUTH, THE WEATHER BECOMES INCREASINGLY STORMY. THE SAND PICKED UP BY THE STRONG WINDS CUTS THROUGH YOU ALMOST LIKE A KNIFE.
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Ow Ow!!

USE MY MAGIC TO FLY THROUGH THIS!
NO. THE LAST TIME YOU TRIED THAT, YOU MADE PRINCE SHARRKAN SICK.
Ugh.

HE'LL BE FINE THIS TIME! I KNOW IT!!
THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN FLY IN THIS SANDSTORM!!
... THIS IS AWKWARD. I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY TO THEM... WHAT SHOULD I DO?

... HEY, YOU.

WHAT KIND OF PLACE... IS THE DARK CONTINENT? YOU KNOW, DON'T YOU... ?
... WHAT... SO YOU DON'T REALLY KNOW ANYTHING, THEN, DO YOU?
I GUESS THAT'S WHAT BEING ROYALTY IS LIKE.
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sigh
WHAT A RELIEF I THINK I CAN TALK TO HIM..
Y-YEAH! BUT I'VE NEVER LEFT THE PALACE BEFORE, SO I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN IT
I'M SORRY, YOUR HIGHNESS.
HE'S STILL VERY YOUNG... AND HE'S INSULTED YOU.
Please accept our apologies
8 years old
I-IT'S FINE... HAHAHA
REALLY,
9 years old
HEY, DON'T SAY THAT, MASRUR.
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?

I GUESS THAT'S TRUE...
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HOLD ON A SECOND...
HE'S ONE OF OUR ALLIES NOW.
HIS STATUS SHOULDN'T MATTER ANYMORE... WHY DON'T WE DROP FORMAL TITLES LIKE "YOUR HIGHNESS"?

Smile!!

"SHARRKAN."
FROM NOW ON, WE'LL CALL YOU
ニヤ!!

FRIENDS PROTECT EACH OTHER AND IN THE FUTURE...
OF COURSE, THERE WILL BE DANGER. BUT WE'RE FRIENDS NOW.

BUT THIS IS AN ADVENTURE. THIS IS THE EXCITEMENT OF AN UNEXPLORED WORLD.
SHARRKAN, I'M SURE YOU'LL BE A BIT BEWILDERED BY ALL THESE NEW EXPERIENCES AT FIRST.

... YES!
YOU'LL BECOME A SOURCE OF STRENGTH FOR US.
WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU, SHARRKAN.
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UH, SURE...
SHARRKAN.
I'LL COUNT ON YOU
Friends, this is friendship
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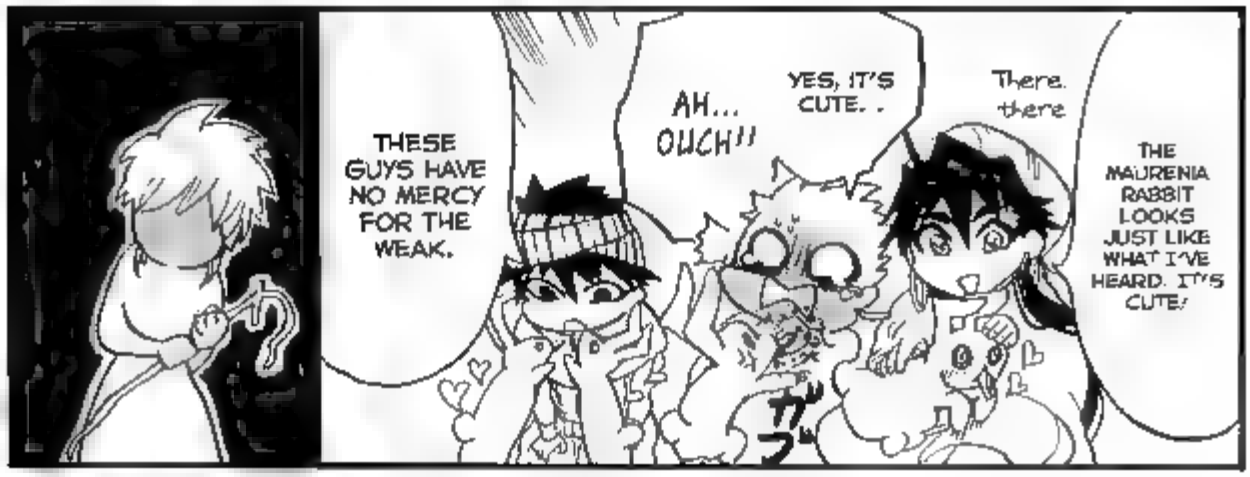
Yeah!!
All right, let's go!!

I'LL FIX IT.
THAT'S HALF RAW.
SNATCHES
YES! IT'S REALLY GOOD...
SHARRKAN, THIS MEAT'S DELICIOUS, HUH?!
Ugh so hot

GIVE ME WATER, TOO.
SURE! HERE YOU GO.
SHARRKAN, PASS THE WATER.
Snore


THESE GUYS HAVE NO MERCY FOR THE WEAK.
AH... OUCH!!
YES, IT'S CUTE. .
There. there
THE MAURENIA RABBIT LOOKS JUST LIKE WHAT I'VE HEARD. IT'S CUTE!
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GYA AAA AH!!
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OH NO! IT'S TAKEN SHARRKAN HOSTAGE .. !!
IT'S A MON-STER!
Help me
It's a desert hyacinth

AH...I SAVED YOU THIS TIME AROUND,
BUT YOU SHOULD REALLY WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING.
MASRUR IS SO RELIABLE!
Hahaha
YEAH... I JUST DID WHAT I NEEDED TO.
THERE'S NOTHING TO FEAR WITH MASRUR AROUND.
'CAUSE YOU'RE REALLY WEAK.
Y... YEAH.
I LIKE TRAVELING WITH EVERYONE.
AND THERE'S A LOT FOR ME TO LEARN...
BUT FOR SOME REASON...

Good luck.
Please do your best
Good luck!
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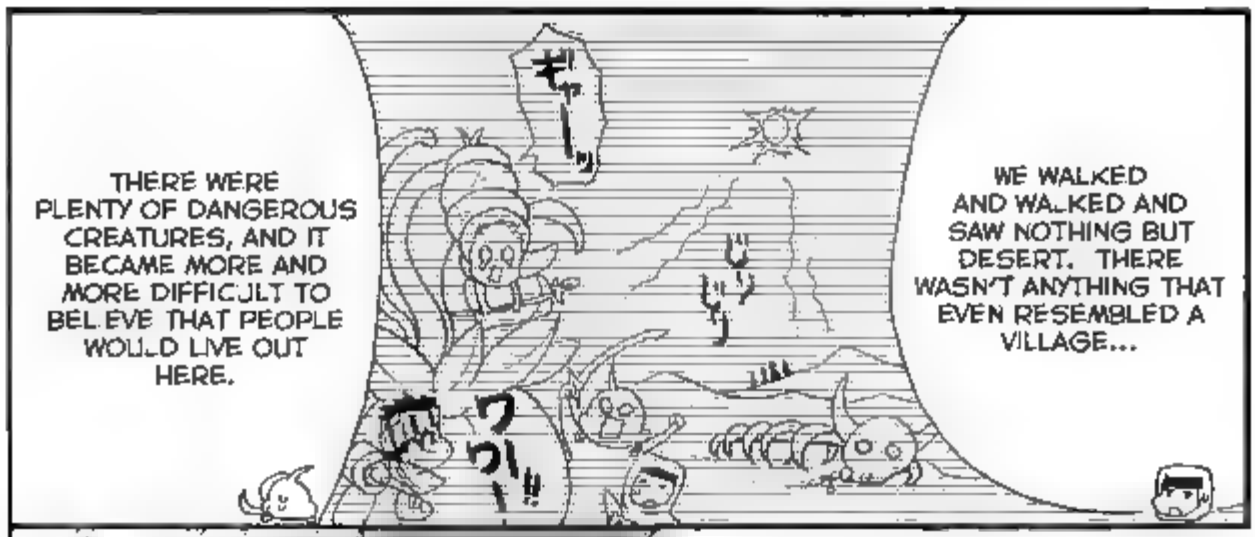
I DON'T QUITE FEEL CONTENT...

ISN'T THAT THE VILLAGE OF THE TORRAN PEOPLE YOU WERE TALK NG ABOUT?
HEY, CHECK THIS OUT.
SHARRKAN! COME SEE THIS.
Hey!!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING... WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE THEY ARE.
WOW... !!

Southern tip of the
Dark Continent
Torran Village

THIS IS DEFINITELY THE TORRAN VILLAGE.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE'S ACTUALLY A VILLAGE IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
YEAH, I WAS STARTING TO DOUBT IT MYSELF...
I MEAN...


THERE WERE PLENTY OF DANGEROUS CREATURES, AND IT BECAME MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE THAT PEOPLE WOULD LIVE OUT HERE.
WE WALKED AND WALKED AND SAW NOTHING BUT DESERT. THERE WASN'T ANYTHING THAT EVEN RESEMBLED A VILLAGE...

EXCUSE ME, MISS!
WE GOT HERE IN THE END, SO IT'S ALL GOOD.
... IT SURE WAS A LONG WAY.
S-SORRY.. I'D ONLY HEARD RUMORS OF ITS LOCATION, TOO...

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COULD YOU PLEASE SHOW US INTO YOUR VILLAGE?
WE'RE TRAVELERS ...

W... WHAT?!
!?
I DON'T KNOW!
THEN WHY ARE THEY REACTING LIKE THIS?!
I JUST CALLED OUT TO THEM!
NOTH-ING!
SIN!! WHAT'VE YOU DONE NOW?!

WH... WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?!
THEY'RE SPEAKING "TORRAN".
TORRAN IS A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT LANGUAGE FROM OURS.
IT'S THEIR OFFICIAL LANGUAGE...!
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THEM, SHARRKAN?
A LITTLE...
BUT THEY'RE SO AGITATED THAT IT'S DIFFICULT TO CATCH EVERYTHING THEY'RE SAYING.
TRY TO CALM THEM DOWN FOR NOW!

SIN, IF WORDS WON'T GET THROUGH TO THEM,
I CAN SILENCE THEM WITH FORCE.

(THAT'S ENOUGH!)
YOU'LL JUST PROVOKE THEM. !!
NO, MASRUR!
TRAVELERS, YOU AS WELL, PLEASE...
PUT DOWN YOUR WEAPONS.

!
YOU'RE A FANALIS, AREN'T YOU?
AND THOSE EYES...
THAT RED HAIR,
I CAN SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE.
I AM THE CHIEF OF THIS VILLAGE.
YOU KNOW ABOUT THE FANALIS?
THEN THE DARK CONTINENT REALLY IS THE FANALIS' HOME-LAND...!!
... IT'S TRUE. THERE USED TO BE MANY FANALIS HERE.
... YES.

BECAUSE...
... SADLY, THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

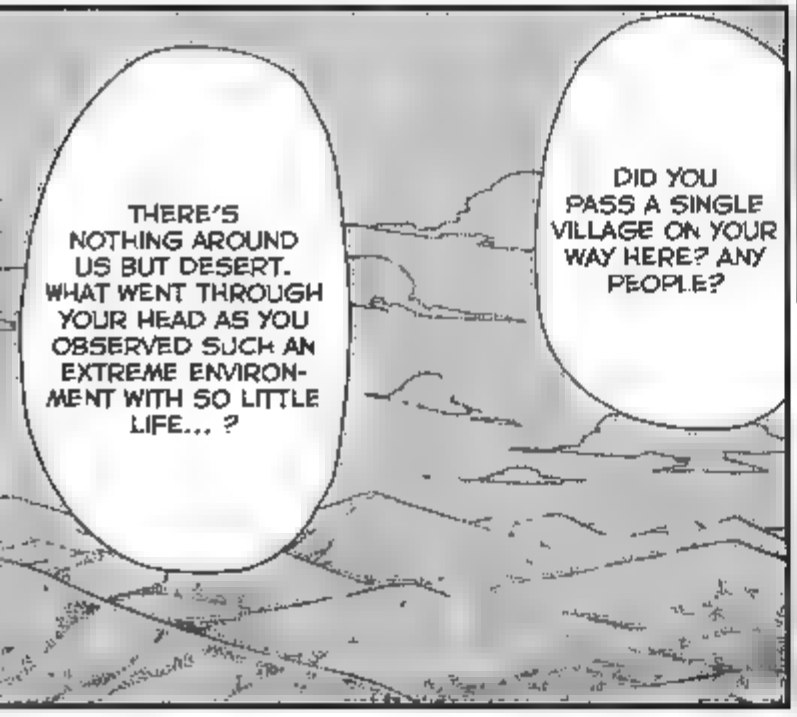
BUT
THAT WAS ALL IN THE PAST...
Wow...!!

IF YOU BROUGHT THIS FANALIS CHILD HERE,
YOU MUST INTEND TO REUNITE HIM WITH HIS PEOPLE, CORRECT?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE ALL JUST CHILDREN... SO I DOUBT YOU'RE A GROUP OF THIEVES.

ANY FANALIS LEFT HERE.
THERE ARE NO LONGER

BUT... YOU SAW FOR YOURSELF, DIDN'T YOU?

THERE WERE ONCE MANY FANALIS HERE ON THE DARK CONT NENT.
THEY LIVED IN VILLAGES, JUST LIKE MY PEOPLE,
AND THIS PLACE WAS ONCE HOME TO MANY OF THOSE SET TLEMENTS

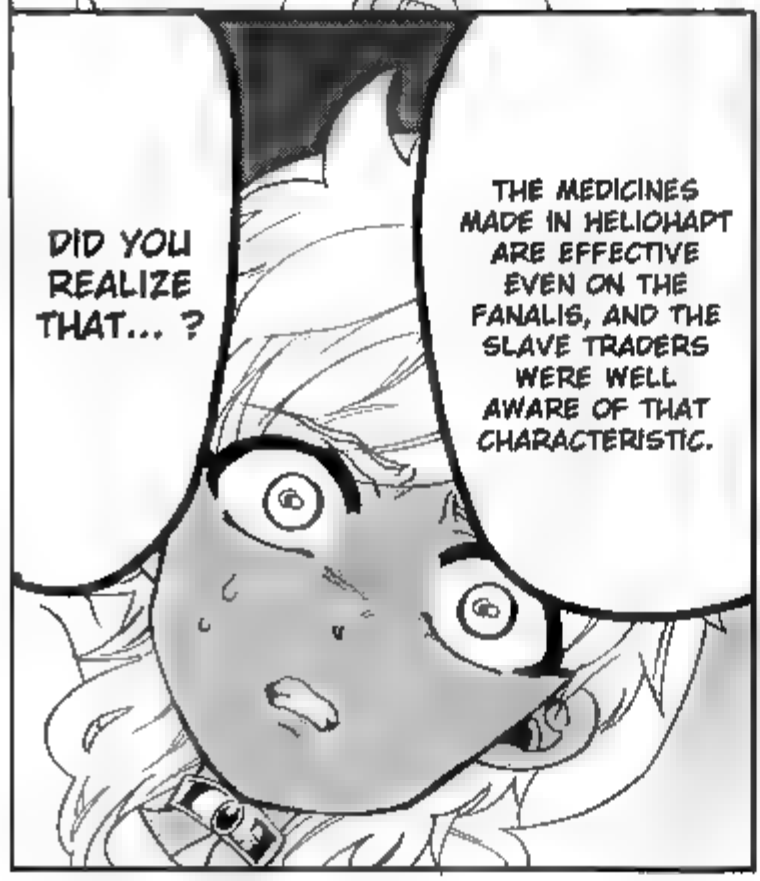

DID YOU PASS A SINGLE VILLAGE ON YOUR WAY HERE? ANY PEOPLE?
THERE'S NOTHING AROUND US BUT DESERT. WHAT WENT THROUGH YOUR HEAD AS YOU OBSERVED SUCH AN EXTREME ENVIRON-MENT WITH SO LITTLE LIFE... ?

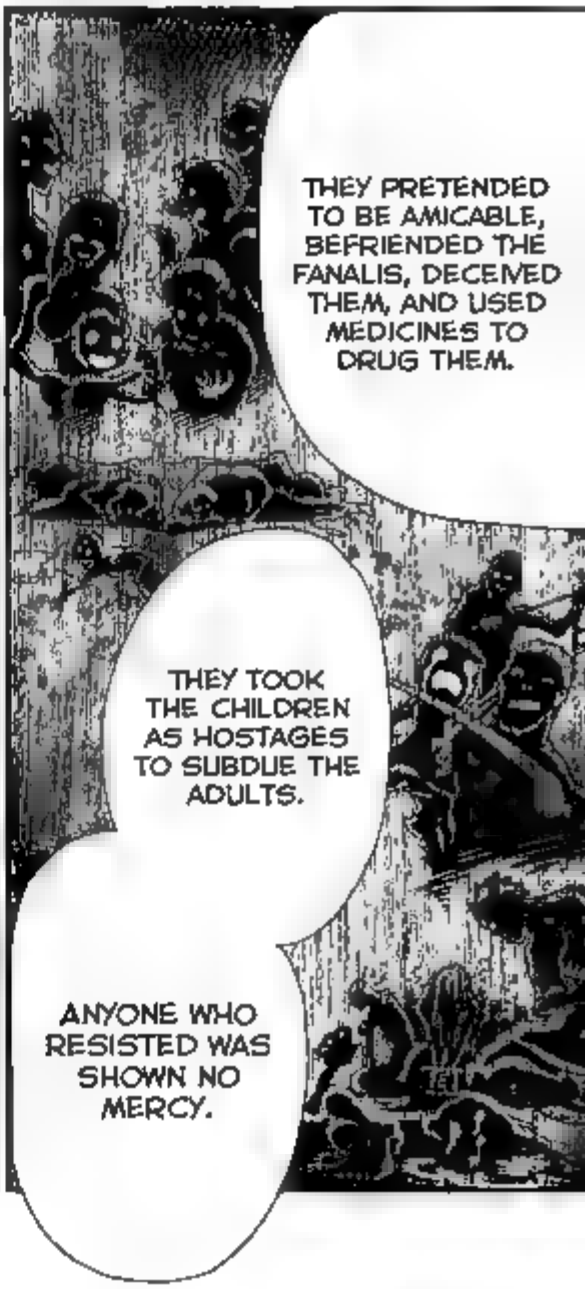
THERE WERE ONCE FANALIS VILLAGES HERE... BUT THEY WERE TARGETED BY SLAVE TRADERS...
AND ANNIHILATED.

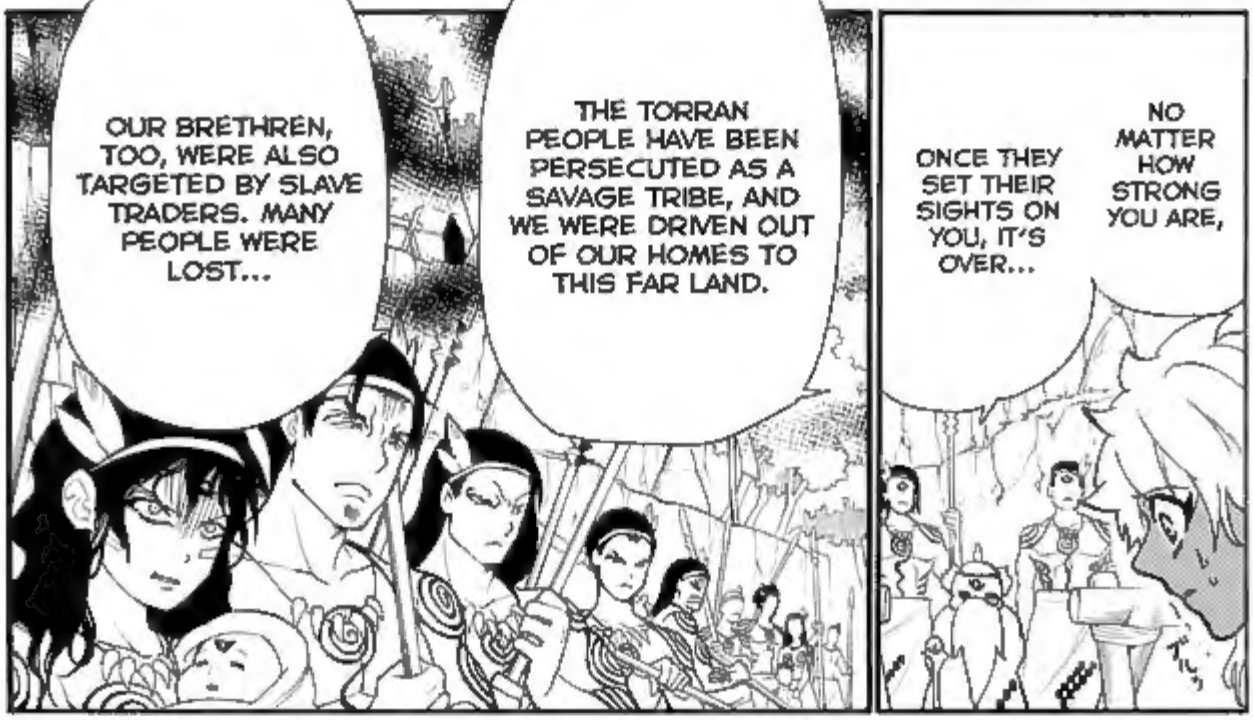
FANALIS ARE STILL JUST HUMANS.
SLAVE TRADERS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT FACT...
HOW COULD A PEOPLE AS STRONG AS THE FANALIS.. BE ANNIH..ATED...?

IT CAN'T BE...
BUT... WHY...

... YOU'RE FROM HELIO-HAPT, AREN'T YOU?


DID YOU REALIZE THAT... ?
THE MEDICINES MADE IN HELIOHAPT ARE EFFECTIVE EVEN ON THE FANALIS, AND THE SLAVE TRADERS WERE WELL AWARE OF THAT CHARACTERISTIC.


THEY PRETENDED TO BE AMICABLE, BEFRIENDED THE FANALIS, DECEIVED THEM, AND USED MEDICINES TO DRUG THEM.
THEY TOOK THE CHILDREN AS HOSTAGES TO SUBDUE THE ADULTS.
ANYONE WHO RESISTED WAS SHOWN NO MERCY.


OUR BRETHREN, TOO, WERE ALSO TARGETED BY SLAVE TRADERS. MANY PEOPLE WERE LOST...
THE TORRAN PEOPLE HAVE BEEN PERSECUTED AS A SAVAGE TRIBE, AND WE WERE DRIVEN OUT OF OUR HOMES TO THIS FAR LAND.
NO MATTER HOW STRONG YOU ARE,
ONCE THEY SET THEIR SIGHTS ON YOU, IT'S OVER...

IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, THEN PLEASE LEAVE. WE'LL LET YOU GO OUT OF RESPECT FOR THAT FANALIS CHILD...
THAT'S WHY WE DISTRUST ALL OUTSIDERS. WE WILL NOT ALLOW THEM INTO OUR VILLAGE.

WHAT?
WH... ?
WHERE WAS...THIS FANALIS VILLAGE?
THERE WAS ONCE A VILLAGE IN THE SOUTHWEST OF THIS AREA, BUT...
IF I DON'T SEE IT FOR MYSELF... I DON'T KNOW THAT.
WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH THAT KNOWLEDGE? THERE'S NOTHING LEFT THERE BUT TRAGEDY.
I DON'T KNOW THAT.

MAS-
RUR!!

.....
THEY WERE ANNIHILATED BY SLAVE TRADERS.
THERE AREN'T ANY MORE FANALIS.